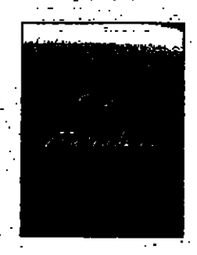
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Families fear evacuation as tanker fumes spread

Concern over shipping safety and the threat to wildlife after the break-up of the tanker Braer has given way to fears that the health of the Shetland islanders themselves may be at risk

BY RAY CLANCY AND LIN JENKINS

SHETLAND islanders may have to abandon their homes and move to the mainland as the oil slick from the stricken tanker *Braer* continues its relentless progress north, engulfing the community in rancid fumes.

Families had last night already started moving from the area closest to the wreck, either to relatives living further north or to friends' homes. Those who stayed at home were advised to keep children indoors, and one school cancelled outdoor play.

As storm force winds prevented a salvage crew boarding the *Braer*, her cargo of 84,500 tonnes of light crude oil continued to spill into the sea, adding to a slick that is leaving a film of filth across the main island. The Shetland Islands Council said it was ready to put its emergency evacuation plan into action and doctors in Aberdeen were standing by to help.

Initially, the action plan is intended to move people north to parts of the island that are still unaffected, but the slick is also moving north and yesterday, people up to 40 miles from the oil were complaining of headaches and nausea. About 3,000 people live in the vicinity of the slick, and with the stench hanging over half of the main land, many others may have to move.

Caroline Leask was one of the first to go. She has left her home in Sumburgh and taken her 18-month-old daughter and gone to stay with her family further north because she fears the air is dangerous. "I can't stand it any longer," she said. "I have to think about Natalie and the effect on her health." Another woman living in Lerwick said the oil had left a nasty taste in her mouth and a film of grease over her car. "We thought we would not be affected, after all we are 25 miles from the slick," Sheilagh Cameron said. Salmon farms at Clift Sound and West Burra, 15 miles from the tanker, were also affected.

But the Scottish home and health department insisted last night that there was no danger. Dr Gerald Forbes told a news conference in Sumburgh: "There's no human health risk. There are no measurable total hydrocarbons in the air."

Martin Hall, the local council's director of environmental services, also played down the risks. He said air pollution levels were bing constantly monitored and promised immediate action if they reached unacceptable levels. "Our main concern is for the people," he said. "We are constantly monitoring the situation, and soil samples have been sent to Aberdeen for analysis. If necessary, people will be evacuated. We have alternative housing available." But he emphasised that there was no immediate cause for concern and said that evacuation would be stressful for everyone involved. "It means asking them to lose their homes, their possessions, everything. That is not easy."

As mountainous seas continued to batter the *Braer*, it emerged yesterday that the tanker had been refused the "blue certificate" issued by the International Transport Workers' Federation — which means it may have been boycotted by many oil industry workers because it did not meet minimum standards for crew pay and conditions.

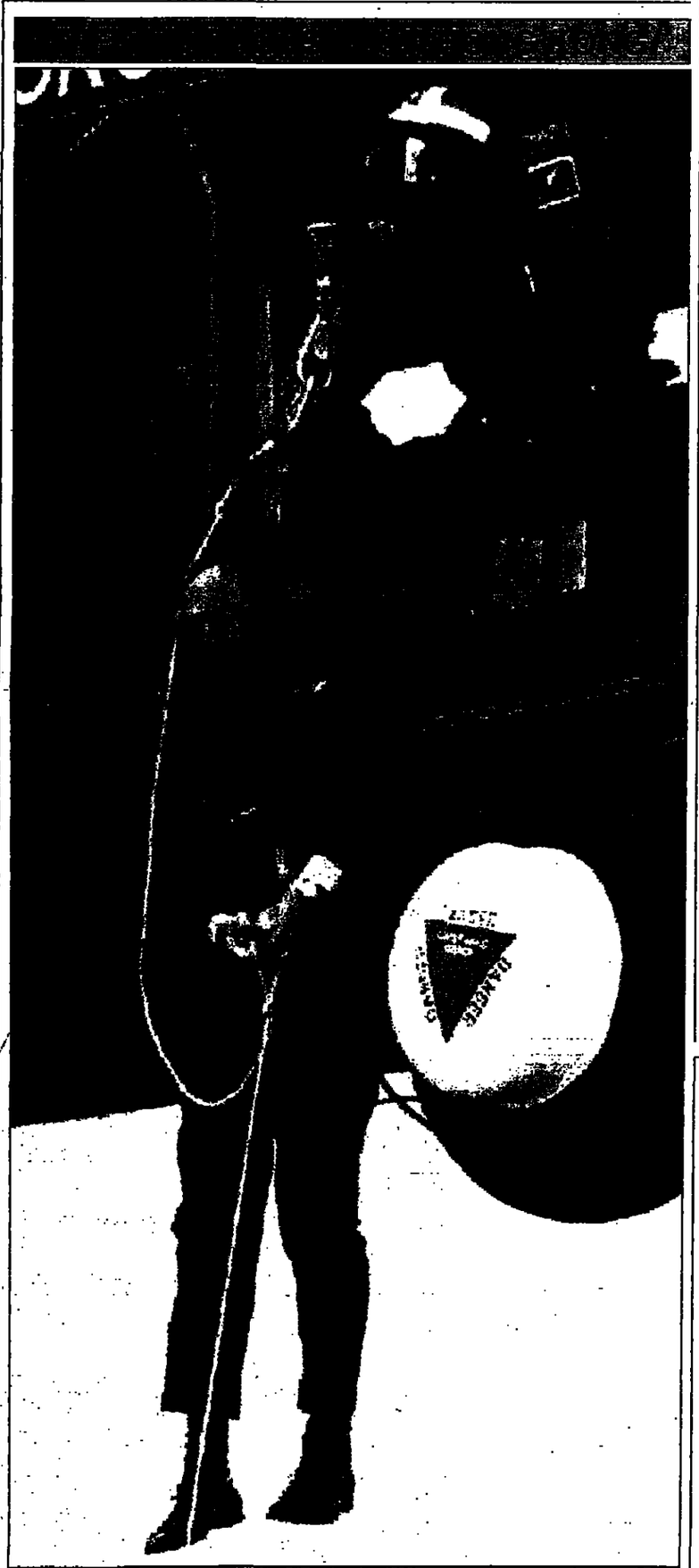
The ship's crew made an official complaint a year ago about low pay, understaffing and poor conditions. That had not resolved, and two former captains of the vessel are also pursuing claims against the owners B and H Ship Management for outstanding pay.

Ale Selender, the federation's assistant general secretary, said the crew had complained of compulsory overtime of up to 200 hours a month, since the vessel needed constant maintenance. "We cannot say that the same crew members are on board, but it is likely that some are," Mr Selender said.

"These problems have not yet been resolved and the vessel does not meet our minimum collective agreement which would entitle it to a blue certificate. It follows that the company's assertion that it would a well-found ship and that all was fine and dandy has flaws in it. It would not appear to have been a happy ship."

B and H Ship Management countered: "The company has no dispute with the master, officers or crew of the *Braer* and the chief executive Mike Hudner went out of his way yesterday to praise their work. The crew have absolutely no dispute about pay and conditions."

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Flying visit: Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, being lowered on to HMS *Starling* off Hong Kong yesterday. His Far East tour will also take him to Singapore

'Everything here now tastes sludgy, bitter — and evil'



*The islanders were not surprised by the dead birds. But nobody prepared them for the pollution of the air, **Ray Clancy** writes*

EVEN toothpaste carries the foul taste of oil in the Shetland Islands today. The sickly taste of light crude sticks at the back of the throat, eyes smart and the head pounds.

Everything from chocolate to chips — even a cup of tea — tastes the same: sludgy, bitter, evil. The worst part is swallowing. Over the past three days, the clinging, oily taste in my mouth has slowly advanced to the back of my throat. In the gale force winds, you keep licking your lips, transferring the toxic traces into the body. Just being in the open is now like standing over a car engine that is losing its oil. Everything is greasy, even hair, hands and clothes — as well as the roads, grass and sheep.

The overpowering stench hangs over many of the small islands of Shetland and the air pollution covers 50 per cent of the main island, according to the local council. The pollution is what the people of Shetland feared most. They were prepared for the dead birds and the threat to beaches, but no one told them that the slick would pollute on the ground and in the air. Because the *Braer* has not broken in two, and with the weather hampering the clean-up operation, it is the steady leaking of oil that is ensuring constant trouble.

As the toxic parts of the crude oil blow in the air and are carried by the rain, it is hard for the people of Shetland to accept that it is not affecting their health. The council is monitoring air levels, and last night environmental health officers said there was not yet cause for concern. But those suffering headaches, sore throats and nausea found that hard to believe.

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Saddam plays cat and mouse with allies

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

ALLIED jets were last night poised to attack Iraqi targets as the hours ticked away to the deadline issued to President Saddam Hussein for the removal of missiles from the southern "no-fly" zone. Mystery surrounded reports that the weapons had been moved but the Pentagon in Washington refused to give details.

Earlier, a senior Iraqi minister publicly rejected the ultimatum due to expire at 2230 GMT today and Kuwait placed its air force on alert. Western embassies in the region were warned to prepare for possible anti-Western violence if renewed attacks on Iraqi targets were ordered.

The Kuwaiti move came after an accusation that Iraqi forces had attacked a border post 50 miles north of Kuwait City on Tuesday night and engaged in a two-hour gun battle. Iraq denied the claim.

Iraq's claim that it was entitled to deploy anti-aircraft missiles anywhere in the country followed the ultimatum issued on Wednesday by the United States, Britain and France, with Russian backing. It demanded the removal of the missiles, seen as a danger to allied overflights and a test of American resolve in the closing days of the Bush administration.

The stakes in the latest and most serious case of brinkmanship since the end of the six-week Gulf war were raised when Tariq Aziz, Iraq's deputy prime minister, issued a defiant dismissal of the demand which he claimed lacked United Nations support.

Diplomats were divided over the likelihood of the Iraqi president making a last-minute climbdown as he has on some previous occasions. Many Arab observers have noted that renewed Western air attacks could boost his

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The finest columns

William Rees-Mogg and Alexander Chancellor, two of the most controversial and authoritative voices in international



journalism, are joining *The Times* next week. Lord Rees-Mogg is returning as a columnist on Mondays and Thursdays to the paper which he edited from 1967 to 1981. Alexander Chancellor, former editor of *The Spectator*, will write a weekly column on Saturday. Both have written most recently for *The Independent*. They will now complete the cast of Britain's most formida-



ble page of newspaper comment and opinion, joining Bernard Levin, Simon Jenkins, Matthew Parris, Alan Coren, Janet Daley, Philip Howard and Lynne Truss.

■ Also on Monday the distinguished economic commentator Anthony Harris joins *The Times* from the *Financial Times*. He will be writing twice weekly in the business section alongside Anatole Kaletsky and Graham Searjeant.

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Bank sinks construction giant

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

A CITY bank caused the destruction of Scotland's largest engineering company and put 2,800 jobs in jeopardy yesterday after it refused a desperate plea for a loan of less than £2 million.

Hill Samuel, the merchant banking arm of the TSB, admitted that it had refused to put up fresh money for Lilley, the £340 million construction group, even though four other banks and several leading shareholders had offered their support. The decision forced the company to call in the receivers.

Lilley was one of the best known companies in the construction industry and had worked on high profile projects such as Sellafield and the McLellan Galleries in Glasgow. The group had almost £100 million of work in hand and was hoping to win contracts on the Jubilee Line extension in London.

Price Waterhouse, the receiver, says it must now sell Lilley's subsidiaries in a matter of weeks to safeguard jobs. The accountants said there had already been strong interest in the companies, which must be sold to repay bank debts of more than £50 million. Lilley's shares were suspended on the Stock Exchange yesterday morning, and shareholders are expected to be left with nothing.

Lilley had spent the last three months trying to reorganise its finances and cut itself free from a struggling property development business.

☐ Campaigners who have criticised the high street banks for overcharging customers and for treating small businesses unreasonably were summoned to a hastily convened private meeting at the Treasury yesterday with Anthony Nelson, the economic secretary (Tony Dawe writes).

They left after more than an hour, convinced that their grievances will be raised in the continuing dialogue between bank chairmen and the Chancellor.

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Nureyev to be buried in Paris on Tuesday

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

TRIBUTES to Rudolf Nureyev flowed in yesterday both from admirers and some adversaries as preparations were made to bury the dancer on Tuesday at the Paris cemetery favoured by Russian émigrés.

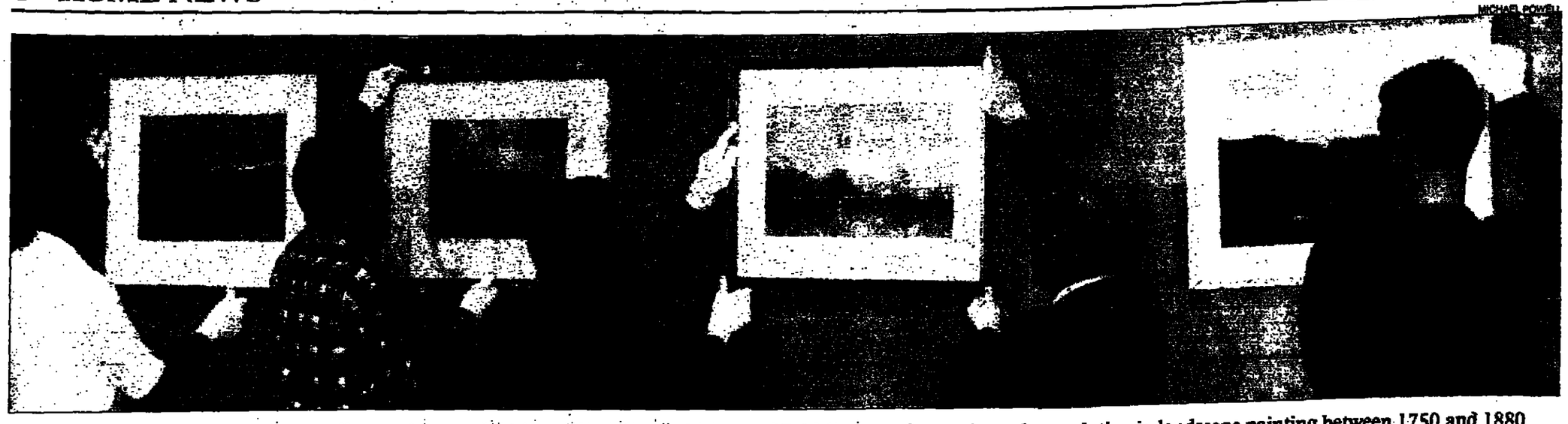
André Larquié, head of a newly-created Rudolf Nureyev Foundation, said he had asked to be remembered at a non-religious service on Monday at the Paris Opera Garnier, the venue for his first appearance in the West in 1961 and of his public farewell last October. The eulogy will be delivered by Jack Lang, the minister of culture.

The cemetery Nureyev chose, Sainte-Geneviève-des-Bois, is close to Orly airport, the scene of his dash from the Kirov entourage to the arms of French gendarmes in 1961.

☐ Princess Margaret, president of the Royal Ballet, yesterday sent a message from the hospital bed where she is recovering from pneumonia, expressing her sadness at Nureyev's death.

She praised his "great contribution to the ballet in general and to the Royal Ballet in particular. His performances with Dame Margot Fonteyn were unique."

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Splash of colour: Royal Academy staff preparing an exhibition on how the development of British watercolours mirrored a revolution in landscape painting between 1750 and 1880

Jewel dealer admits smuggling gold 'for cash and fun'

BY ROBIN YOUNG

DARIUS Guppy, the jewel dealer who was best man at the wedding of the Princess of Wales's brother, yesterday admitted smuggling gold to India for cash and "fun".

Mr Guppy, an old Etonian who is also godfather to Earl Spencer's daughter Kitty, has pleaded not guilty to a £1.8 million insurance fraud. Giving evidence yesterday, for the first time on the 32nd day of his trial, he told Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, that he had not seen anything "particularly wrong" in what he had done.

Mr Guppy said the operation had been a joint venture with a confessed fraudster whom he first met at Oxford University. Mr Guppy, who got a first-class degree from Oxford, claimed that Ishan Dutta, 28, a Bombay-based importer-exporter, was the one who "effectively" devised the bullion-smuggling operation, though they had shared the profits equally.

Dutta received a partially suspended sentence after admitting his part in the insurance fraud last year. Mr Guppy said the idea was to use the proceeds from bullion smuggling to buy gems, get them out of India and sell them for hard currency.

His counsel, Timothy Langdale QC, asked Mr Guppy why he had got involved. Mr Guppy replied: "First, to make money, to be frank. Second, because we thought Dutta could introduce us to good contacts in the gems business, and third, we thought it would be quite a fun thing to do."

Mr Guppy added: "I did not think it was anything particularly wrong — a private transaction effectively between myself outside India and someone inside, and not, as it were, ripping anyone off but just a private transaction."

Mr Guppy claimed that Dutta had implied that if he did not go along with the smuggling operation useful gemstone contacts in India would "dry up". Mr Guppy said: "It was not blackmail but there was an understanding."

He told the jury he also



Guppy: did not think venture was wrong

became involved in a second gold smuggling operation to India, to help Dutta to raise money to bribe the Indian authorities. The scheme foundered after the first consignment, sent from Geneva, was intercepted by Customs in June 1990.

Mr Guppy said his job was to provide "administrative assistance". He told the court he now faced charges in connection with the smuggling. He denied having attempted to obtain a false passport for Dutta.

Mr Guppy, 28, of west London, and Benedict Marsh, 28, of Southwark, southeast London, former executive directors of Inca Gemstones, a company set up under the Business Expansion Scheme, based in Jermyn Street, central London, have pleaded not guilty to one charge of conspiracy to defraud, one of conspiracy to steal and two of conspiracy to commit false accounting.

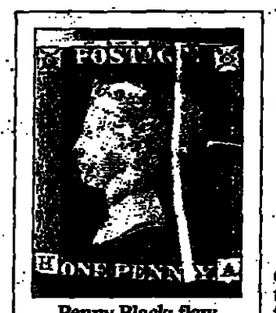
The prosecution claims they paid an accomplice to pretend to rob them of emeralds, sapphires and rubies in a hotel room in New York in March 1990. They then allegedly used bogus invoices supplied by Dutta's company, Rafiklal and Sons, to fool Lloyd's of London into believing the gems had been genuinely purchased, before plundering their own firm of more than £1.2 million of the £1.8 million insurance payment.

Mr Guppy told the court he first became interested in gems after his father, the explorer Nicholas Guppy, brought back sapphires from a trip to Sri Lanka.

Together with Mr Marsh, a friend from his Eton days, he set up Inca Gemstones. They each invested £50,000 which they borrowed. A third £50,000 came from Mr Marsh's father. Almost a further £1 million was raised under the government's Business Expansion Scheme, which offers tax concessions for investors.

Mr Guppy told the court he was now receiving legal aid. He said his father was "averagely wealthy once upon a time" but had lost "just about everything" in the Lloyd's market.

The trial continues today.



Penny Black: flaw through Victoria

White line on Black a rare find

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A FLAWED Penny Black, with a spectacular vertical white flash through the middle, has been discovered by a philatelist in north London.

The imperfection was spotted by George Gati, a dealer, after he bought a box of unsorted stamps from another dealer and rummaged through the contents.

Mr Gati, 45, said yesterday: "It is the most extraordinary discovery I have ever made. I knew it was a treasure the moment I saw it."

The flaw was caused by a crease in the paper before printing on a plate which went into service in June 1840, a month after the first Penny Blacks were issued. The user had stretched open the crease to reveal the uninked flash before attaching it to its long-lost envelope.

The stamp, in which Queen Victoria's hair appears to be severed, has been authenticated by the expert committee of the Royal Philatelic Society in London.

Mr Gati, who is storing his discovery in a bank vault, expects to auction it at a later date and puts a £50,000 value on it. A used example of the stamp is today worth about £100.

Patrick Pearson, chairman of the expert committee of the Royal Philatelic Society, said: "It's a most unusual one-off variety."

Council tax bills to be 10% more than ministers forecast

BY RACHEL KELLY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

COUNCIL tax bills are likely to be 10 per cent higher than first announced by the government. Strict capping on council spending will mean that charges will still be lower in real terms than poll tax bills.

The most likely tax for a Band D house is £550, £50 more than the figure of £493 suggested by the government in November when it announced notional levels. The new figures take into account £2 billion of unpaid poll tax; that 3.5 per cent of homeowners will not pay their bills; and that others will successfully appeal. These factors were insufficiently taken into account by the government because the figures were "not predictions or averages", Michael Howard, the environment secretary, said. They were used to determine grant levels.

The average household will still be paying less — allowing for inflation — than it paid in poll tax. The average council tax payable in England will be £505, compared to an average local tax in 1992-3 of £500 a household which, taking inflation into account, represents a drop in real terms. The new figures are the most accurate produced to date because they derive from a nationwide survey of councils, unlike previous estimates which relied on academic assumptions.

The latest figures show that there will be higher bills in the South East, which could lead to increased backbench dissatisfaction with the new tax. Tony Travers, of the London School of Economics, said: "Londoners will be paying on average almost £150 a household more than people in some other part of the country."

The government had managed to hold down council tax levels for the coming year by tight capping. Mr Travers said: "This may be just enough to introduce council tax without a massive political rumpus, but future years will see spending rising sharply again, then either council taxes will have to rise sharply or government grant will have to increase significantly."

The Conservative-controlled Association of District Councils said that the figures, reported in the *Local Government Chronicle*, were in line with its own prediction. "We are not surprised by the idea that bills will be 10 per cent higher than the figures announced in November," a spokesman said. "There was a 10 per cent difference in the levels of community charge suggested by the government grant level and the actual charges between April 1992 and April 1993."

He said that not all unpaid poll tax debt would translate into higher bills. "A very large part of the debt will already have been provided for by councils, because of the previous provision for non-collection."

Labour estimated that the council tax levels were 28 per cent higher than the Tories' pre-election promise, made by Michael Heseltine in 1991 when he predicted that a Band D house would pay £400. Revalued for inflation, the figure would now be £428 — £122 less than the *Local Government Chronicle* figure.

Jack Straw, the shadow environment secretary, said: "No wonder the Tories refused to come clean on the council tax during the election."

☐ Test Valley Borough Council in Hampshire has decided to charge some residents a higher rate of council tax than others. It says that houses in Andover will have to pay more than those elsewhere in the borough because they are said to enjoy better amenities. Other councils are expected to follow suit, although the Test Valley decision may be taken to the High Court.

Police chief backs American baton

Police should wear knife-proof vests as a matter of routine, says the chief constable of a force in which 195 officers have been attacked in the past year. Richard Wells, head of the 3,000-strong South Yorkshire police, is in favour of the American side-handled baton to replace the traditional truncheon. He is also schooling his officers in martial arts.

The Police Federation called for the introduction of the American baton last week after the knife attack on WPC Leslie Harrison on Merseyside. The Home Office has doubts about its usefulness. Mr Wells called for more research into a suitable material for knife-proof vests. He said there should be stiffer sentences for assault on police, including a minimum six-month jail term, and more education for children on the evils of violence.

Banker in the betting

Edward George, deputy governor of the Bank of England, is even-money favourite with the bookmaker Ladbroke to become the next governor. A total of £50,000 has been gambled with the company on who will succeed Robin Leigh-Pemberton on July 1. When the betting closed on December 31, Mr George led the market from Sir David Walker, former head of the Securities and Investments Board, at 5-2, Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman of Courtaulds and Reuters, at 5-1, and Sir Peter Middleton, former permanent secretary of the Treasury, at 8-1. Lord Lawson of Blaby, the former Chancellor, was 25-1. An announcement of the appointment is expected soon.

Prison swap man jailed

A man who swapped places with a prisoner who said he wanted to visit his sick father was jailed for six months yesterday. Martin Conway slipped past security at Sudbury Prison, Derbyshire, and donned the uniform of a violent criminal, Paul Corcovic, who went on the run for almost two weeks. Conway, 21, confessed when prison officers confronted him with a photograph of the real inmate, Derby Crown Court was told. The escape was planned when Conway visited a friend in Sudbury. He was approached by Corcovic, whom he had never met before. Sudbury, an open prison housing inmates including murderers nearing the end of life sentences, has one of the worst escape records.

Princess recovering

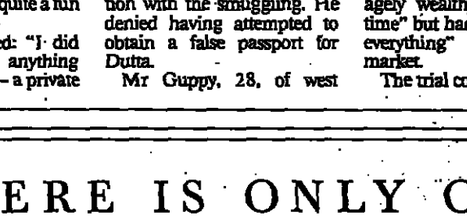
Princess Margaret was said yesterday to be making excellent progress in hospital, where she is being treated for pneumonia. The princess, aged 62, is spending her fifth day in the King Edward VII Hospital, central London. Buckingham Palace said that she had had another good night. She was admitted to the hospital as a precautionary measure last Sunday and is expected to remain there for a few more days. In January 1985 she had a section of lung removed, which doctors described as "innocent".

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Social workers cleared over abduction claim

BY NICHOLAS WATT

THE health department last night cleared social workers of "abducting" two children after their parents alleged they had been seized against their doctor's advice. The government enquiry concluded that the Essex county council social workers had acted within the law.

The boys' mother said her social worker had always wanted to take her children away. In an interview in *The Spectator* magazine she says: "They told me when I was pregnant ... they would take [my son] away when he was born."

The magazine claims there was no proof the parents neglected their sons and even hostile reports on their behaviour highlighted their love for them. But the social workers accused the parents, who live on a low income in a council house, of "failing to stimulate" their eldest child, which had hindered his emotional and intellectual development. At the age of seven he was taken into care with his brother.

The family's doctor told *The Spectator* the children were not at risk. "The problem was with the 'carers' not the family," he says.

A judge upheld the social services' decision but called for an independent psychiatric assessment which questioned the council's conclusion. The magazine claims that after the assessment was released, the social services failed to reunite the family. But it is understood that an attempt by the council to return the boys to their parents allegedly failed when the parents neglected them. One of the boys has been adopted and the other is being considered for adoption.

A council spokeswoman said last night it was considering legal action against *The Spectator*. "We are also taking out two injunctions to prevent the children from being identified and to ensure that the adoptive parents are not approached," she said.

David Willetts MP, a member of the social security select committee, said last night social workers sometimes thought they were above the law. "There is evidence from previous enquiries that social workers have not always acted within the law and informed parents of their rights."

Helen Dent, policy director of the National Children's Home, said the case highlighted the unfair treatment of poor families.

Sue Amphlett, director of Parents Against Injustice, said: "Parents living in socially deprived areas may not be able to stimulate their children which, under the Children Act, means they are being neglected."

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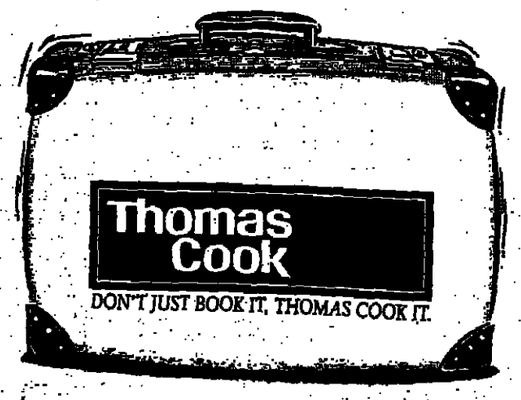
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Shetlands in fear: people and animals at risk as workers fight to clean up the Braer spill

Wildlife experts in dispute over safety of oil dispersants

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

MARINE pollution experts yesterday gave a warning that efforts to clean up the Shetlands oil slick using dispersants might do as much harm as good.

Six Dakota aircraft under the control of the Department of Transport's Marine Pollution Control Unit were grounded by bad weather, but spraying of dispersant continued from a supply ship that sailed from Lerwick at 5am yesterday. The operation is designed to disperse the oil before it can form an emulsion with sea water that will be resistant to attack.

The oil that has leaked from the tanker *Braer* is light, which makes it more toxic than heavier crudes. Dr Tony Stebbing, of Plymouth Marine Laboratory, said yesterday that the low molecular weight compounds found in light crudes were more poisonous to wildlife, but more likely to vaporise rapidly.

"You have to strike a balance between leaving them on the surface, where they can evaporate but where they can also damage birds and mammals, and dispersing them into the water column where they may poison fish.

"The pressure to do something is so enormous that people don't always recognise the dangers," he said. "Dispersants are much improved these days, but you have to be very careful in using them."

Sue Bell of the Marine Conservation Society agreed: "The temptation is to move in quickly to disperse the oil because of the distressing plight of birds and seals. But we must not forget the effect of the clean-up operation on the things we can't see."

Quick action, she said, was best directed at using booms to stop the oil reaching the shore. Clean-up chemicals could cause the oil to form tarballs that sink to the bottom of the sea, smothering or poisoning varieties of seabed life which is a vital part of the food chain.

Dispersants produce an emulsion whose particles are exactly the right size for mussels, oysters and other shellfish to swallow. Birds and fish ultimately depend on such filter feeders, so killing them will lead in time to an even

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wider population loss. Many fish have already been washed ashore, including sand eels, the staple diet of seabirds such as puffins and Arctic terns, which breed in January and February in the waters around Shetland.

Phil Rothwell, head of coastal and marine policy for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said: "In a few months this spill will be a mere memory to most people. However, its effects on marine wildlife around Shetland will be felt for many years."

The Marine Pollution Control Unit believes the fears are misplaced. It said the dispersants had been tested for toxicity, and the combination of oil and dispersant could not be more harmful than the oil itself. David Bedborough, of the unit, said that clean-up efforts were at the mercy of the weather. "We have miles of boom arriving here to contain the oil slick and we are prepared to use it to protect salmon farming to the northwest and sensitive areas of coastline," he said.

Storms and heavy seas prevented salvage experts from boarding the *Braer* yesterday, but also helped the oil to vaporise and disperse. Dr Stebbing said about 40 per cent would have evaporated within a day or so of the spill.

Martin Hall, director of the Shetlands environmental services, confirmed that a computer projection indicated that the gales were helping to disperse the oil, but he said that a build-up of hydrocarbons in the atmosphere might yet occur.

Oiled birds rescued by teams of volunteers were being given medicines to flush the oil from their systems then, depending on their condition, cleaned with dish-washing liquid. Many were beyond saving: 107 of the 126 birds recovered from the Bay of Quendale on Wednesday were so badly oiled they had to be destroyed.

Tim Thomas of the RSPCA denied that the efforts to save wildlife were pointless. "It is absurd to suggest there is little chance of helping birds or mammals contaminated by oil spills. We have successfully cleaned many thousands of stricken wildlife in this way."

CHRIS HARRIS



Life on the edge: Leonard Moar battles against storm force winds to secure an anti-pollution boom around a cage containing young salmon

Braving stormy seas to protect precious salmon

A HANDFUL of courageous men yesterday fought their way through stormy seas in an attempt to protect 35,000 young salmon from the encroaching oil slick in Shetland (Ray Clancy writes). George Lamont Williamson and his assistant Leonard Moar roped themselves to the fish cage in Lang Sound, near Scalloway, as they helped two pollution experts to encircle the 20-metre structure with an anti-pollution boom.

Force 10 winds tore at their bright orange waterproofs and waves crashed over their boat. "This slick could have a devastating effect on the livelihood of farmers. I am not sure these booms will be effective but we just have to try," said Mr Williamson,

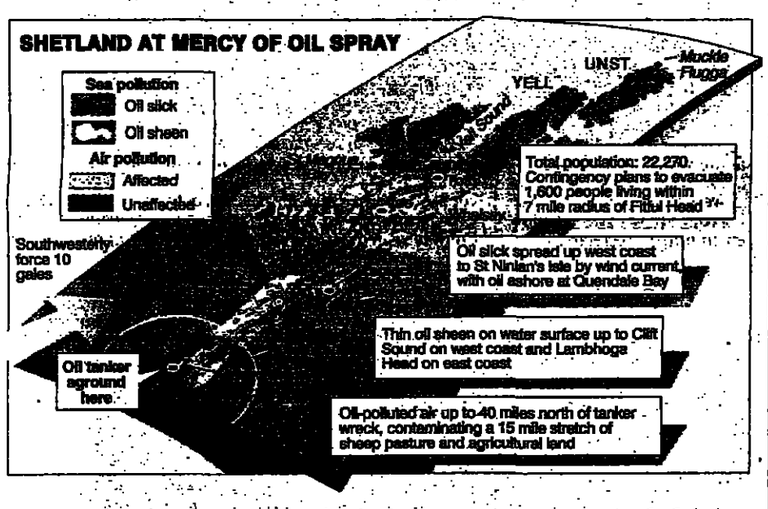
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who owns several cages in the area but was helping out a fellow farmer before attending to his own stock.

It had been a hair-raising journey. Mr Williamson manoeuvred as close as possible so the men could jump on to the cage and begin work. On board he had 24 bags of absorbent material sent from Norway. Wound into sausage-shaped lengths 8in thick, the material is designed to soak up oil and prevent it getting into the cages and polluting their precious catch.

As the men worked the eight-week-old salmon, due to be harvested in August, thrashed inside the cage. With the salmon industry worth £34 million a year, the farmers are determined to do all they can to stop the slick. But Mr Williamson said: "At the moment the seas are too rough for the booms to be effective. What we want is calmer weather but that also slows down the natural dispersal."

As the weather worsened the men tried to lash the booms around the lower rim of the cage at sea level. But after an hour's frustrating work exhaustion forced them to call a halt, and they had to leave the boom floating loosely in a circle. They frowned as news came over the boat's radio that the first traces of the slick had reached West Burra, two miles away. Near by other boats attempted to set up similar protection but were also beaten by the weather.



Breathing problems caused by oil mist may force evacuation

BY DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

IT IS not only the long-tailed ducks and other seabirds and mammals whose health is at risk in Shetland; oil mist poses a threat to the human population. The damage it can do to the respiratory system is well known to industrial medical officers and to chest physicians who have studied the effects of inhalation of paraffin vapor.

Dr Robin Cox, vice-dean of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine and formerly chief medical officer of Phillips Petroleum, spent more than 20

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years in the oil industry but in all his experience cannot remember any situation in which a sizeable population was at risk of inhaling oil mist.

Even without the effect of any detergent being used to help disperse the oil, the Braer's cargo was so light that it has already been whipped into a mist by the high winds and rough seas.

Inhalation of oil mist can be dangerous to humans even if they haven't previously had any abnormalities of the brochial tubes or lungs; it is very much more serious for those whose respiratory system is already vulnerable because of chest diseases, including common ones such as asthma, chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

Oil mist irritates the delicate tissues of the bronchial tubes and the lung to give rise to an oily pneumonitis and bronchiolitis, to all intents and purposes a pneumonia and severe bronchitis despite the fact that it has not been caused by infection but by the irritant action of the oil.

Oil mist is not normally a problem in oil fields or refineries, and in the past has been more of a hazard to those who have been employed in printing rooms.

Although the greatest danger is the hazard it poses to the respiratory system, people with sensitive skin may also suffer badly, and others may develop a severe inflammation of the eye. Dr Cox is reassuring about the possibility the oil mist being carcinogenic; although oils do contain polynuclear aromatics that are particularly carcinogenic, evidence suggests that the patient would have to be subjected to them for a long time before they were at risk, nor would he expect any appreciable danger from eating contaminated fish meat.

Dr Cox suggested that there would be every good reason medically to evacuate the islands, particularly of people who already have respiratory problems, should the mist start to cause respiratory symptoms.

☐ The government came under fire from Labour yesterday for showing "no sense of urgency" in its response to the disaster.

Chris Smith, the shadow environmental protection spokesman, questioned the seriousness with which the government was treating the accident. "It certainly doesn't seem to be being dealt with at the highest levels of government," he said.

So far the only ministers to have visited the scene of the disaster are Lord Caithness, the minister of state at the transport department, and Sir Hector Monro, a junior Scottish office minister, who both flew up to Shetland on Wednesday. Lord Caithness is still on the islands.

Mr Smith said he would have expected the lead to be taken "at the very least" at Cabinet level by John MacGregor, the transport secretary, Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, or Michael Howard, the environment secretary, or all three. Instead, they have "allowed the Earl of Caithness to do all the donkey work," Mr Smith said.

Lord Caithness is likely to remain on Shetland tonight and may stay on the islands until the weekend, according to transport department officials. Mr MacGregor is likely to visit Shetland within the next few days. Mr Lang is planning to fly to the islands on Saturday.

Jim Wallace, the Liberal Democrat MP for Orkney and Shetland, yesterday wrote to the prime minister demanding radar surveillance cover for the heavily used channel south of Shetland where the Braer got into difficulties on Tuesday morning.



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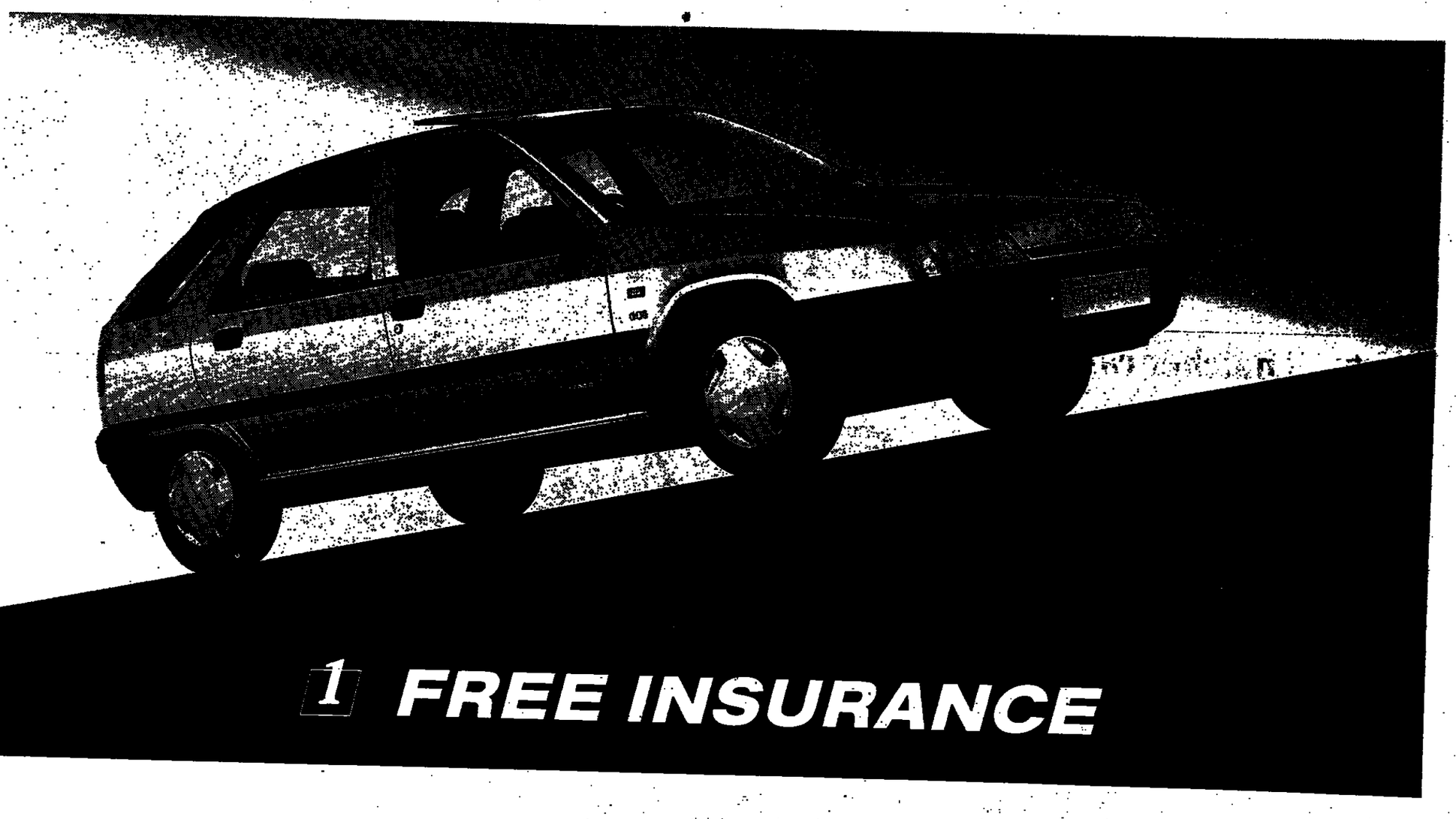
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Howe tells Lamont to increase taxes as soon as possible

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ The main question the Chancellor faces at this weekend's pre-Budget summit is not whether to raise taxes but how and when

NORMAN Lamont was warned by one of his predecessors yesterday that taxes would have to rise "sooner rather than later" as he prepared for the two-day pre-Budget meeting at Chevening with his team of Treasury ministers and advisers.

The Chancellor and his colleagues will gather at the foreign secretary's official country residence in Kent against a backdrop of a public sector borrowing requirement projected at £44 billion for 1993-4, or about 7 per cent of national output. In 1976, the last time it approached these levels, the result was emergency cuts in public spending.

A key question for the Chancellor is the timing of tax rises in a year when there will be two budgets, one in March and one in December. In the face of Treasury anxiety about the size of the deficit, the prime minister, backed by many Tory MPs, wants to postpone any painful measures until later in the year. He has been impressed by OECD figures suggesting that 70 per cent of the deficit should melt away once the economy resumes trend growth of 2.5 per cent.

Yesterday Lord Howe of Aberavon, who raised taxes and cut interest rates during the last recession, urged Mr Lamont not to delay the moment of reckoning. "It is most important that a government should keep its borrowing requirement under control and it is the prospect of borrowing more than £1 billion a week in the year ahead that must be something the Chancellor is concerned with," Lord Howe said in a BBC radio interview. "Sooner rather than later is the right time to change taxes . . . Tax increases are tough and difficult but sometimes necessary."

John Watts, Tory chairman of the all-party Commons Treasury select committee, said that Mr Lamont should not jeopardise the recovery. "It is more important not to snuff out the recovery than to get borrowing down in the immediate future. So I would be against any significant tax increases."

After his decision to scrap the special car tax in the Autumn Statement, Mr Lamont has to find an extra £700 million in motoring taxes in the coming year. To recoup the lost revenue, the road fund licence would have to rise by £31 or petrol by up to 12p per gallon.

The Chancellor will be presented by his officials with a series of options for reining in the deficit, which has widened rapidly as the recession has driven up social security payments and shrunk tax revenues. Increases in the basic rate of income tax are thought unlikely, given the government's strong commitment to low direct taxation. However, tax allowances could be frozen.

Raising VAT or widening its base, increasing employees' national insurance contributions, taxing benefits and increasing excise duties by well above the rate of inflation will all be closely studied.

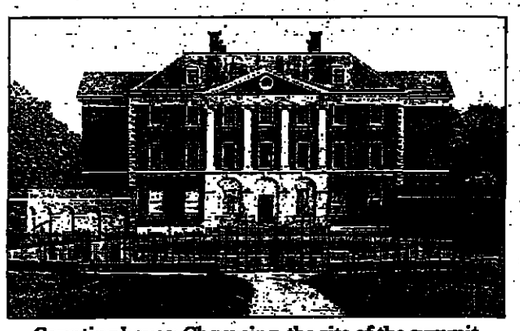
Mr Lamont needs to retain the confidence of the markets if he is not to face difficulty in financing the deficit and being forced to raise interest rates. Some senior Tories believe that he should redirect his energies to cutting spending, making the £80 billion-a-year social security budget his chief target. As a first step, he may tax invalidity benefit, which would net £450 million, and child benefit, which would produce £600 million if treated as the mother's income.

Extending VAT to include such items as domestic fuel, public transport and publications could raise billions and, alongside a further hike in petrol taxes, could be partly defended on environmental grounds. The prime minister said in the election that he had "no plans and no need" to take such a step.

Increasing employees' national insurance rates from 9 per cent to the employers' rate of 10.4 per cent, under consideration for next year, would raise some £2 billion.

The gathering will include officials such as Sir Terence Burns, the permanent secretary, Alan Budd, the chief economic adviser, and Andrew Turnbull, the second permanent secretary.

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Counting house: Chevening, the site of the summit



Reading aid: Baroness Blatch said early progress on trials were encouraging

Remedial reading scheme to be expanded in inner cities

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A REMEDIAL reading scheme imported from New Zealand is to be expanded as part of a £10 million package of support for inner-city schools, ministers said yesterday.

Primary schools in 20 areas are already testing the Reading Recovery programme on six-year-olds who have fallen behind. Extra teaching in small groups is expected to enable them to catch up within a year. Baroness Blatch, the education minister, said that early progress in the trials was encouraging, and support for the scheme would be increased next year from £3.6 million to £4.4 million.

The programme was announced in the run-up to last year's general election, with government and Opposition spokesmen claiming to have discovered the scheme. Labour proposed spending £42 million on a national initiative, but ministers argued that a shortage of trained teachers made it impossible to do more than fund pilots.

Reading Recovery already took half of the money allocated through the government's inner-city fund for education and training. Most of the 38 authorities receiving grants will be continuing existing projects, many in City Challenge areas. The extra £3 million will fund new schemes targeting literacy, numeracy, English as a second language, technology and science, as well as encouraging greater parental involvement. Seven London authorities will be among the 18 to benefit for the first time.

Lady Blatch said: "I am pleased that a number of the new projects recognise the crucial role that parents have in supporting schools in raising standards in targeted areas of the curriculum."

☐ *Eric Forth, the schools* minister, yesterday announced new measures to strengthen support for pupils with special educational needs. Amendments to the education bill would require schools to publish and report on their policies for teaching all their pupils who have special needs and allow local authorities to continue providing support services.

Labour dissidents use Clinton as a stalking-horse

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The debate about the Labour party's future is thick with coded language. *Tribune*, the left-wing weekly, put it succinctly in an editorial yesterday: "The current Labour row about what, if anything, the party should learn from Bill Clinton's American presidential victory is not really about Mr Clinton. Various prominent Labour figures are actually at each others' throats about what went wrong in the *British* general election last year and who is to blame."

The ferment reflects John Smith's low-key approach as Labour leader, which has allowed rival groups to battle for influence over a range of issues from electoral reform and the links with the unions, to the direction of policy.

The argument reflects deep-seated tensions in Labour history between modernisers who argue that the party must adapt to social changes and voters' views, and traditionalists who suspect unprincipled abandonment of socialist values. The predicament has been summed up by Peter Mandelson, a prominent moderniser: "The argument that having changed many of its policies and organisation between 1987-92 and still lost, the party should now reject further change is akin to blaming the electorate rather than ourselves for defeat — the show was great but the audience was poor."

"Clinton" has become a code word in a debate similar in some respects to the post-mortem after Labour's third successive defeat in 1959. The modernisers look to Mr Clinton's victory last November for lessons. Two of its leaders, Gordon Brown and Tony Blair, have been in Washington this week and some of the president-elect's advisers will be in London this weekend for a conference organised by the *Transport and General Workers'* Union.

The traditionalists, whose main spokesman this week has been John Prescott, charging in where others fear to tread, have questioned the relevance of the Clinton campaign.

Both groups have a point. There are lessons from the American experience, but they are limited. Advisers such as Philip Gould, co-ordinator of Labour's Shadow Communications Agency who spent October in Little Rock with the Clinton team, seem at times to be treating the Democrat's victory as a successful replay of Labour's loss six months earlier. Comparisons are not so simple. Mr Clinton won largely because of the weaknesses of George Bush. The Democrat's economic policies contained more ambiguities than points of clarity.

The main pointers from America relate to strategy and positioning. Mr Gould and Patricia Hewitt of the Institute for Public Policy Research argue in the new journal *Renewal* that the central lessons are: forge an identity which synthesises values, vision and symbolic policies which appeal to the majority rather than minorities; engage party and politicians in a debate; start to transform the party's macho culture and abandon stereotyped political language; and tighten control over campaign management.

In short, Labour needs to demonstrate publicly that it has changed. A leaked report from David Hill, the party's director of communications, cites a private survey showing that Labour is still seen by the "aspirational working classes" as being on the side of losers, as the party of the past, untrustworthy, inexperienced and in favour of minorities, rather than the ordinary man or woman.

Most Labour MPs broadly accept this message. However, neither Mr Smith nor his moderniser allies have indicated what change means in practice. An understandable reluctance to be tied to premature commitments has resulted in a vagueness about discussing policy at all.

Short-term battles will be mainly about the structure of the party and links with the unions, as well as about electoral reform. On none of these points is the Clinton experience much help.

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Road safety minister is banned

BY RONALD FAUX

ROBERT Atkins, the minister responsible for road safety in Northern Ireland, was banned from driving for 21 days by Lancaster magistrates yesterday for driving at 71mph in a 30mph zone. Mr Atkins, the MP for South Ribble, told the court that he had been late for an appointment and had 13 other engagements that day. He said he had not realised he was driving through a 30mph zone. The magistrates also fined him £800 with £25 costs.

Mr Atkins told the court he was entitled to a chauffeur-driven car in London but not in his constituency.

Later Mr Atkins said: "No one is above the law and I have apologised to the court for my offence."

☐ The Road Safety Council for Northern Ireland pointed out in a statement that the environment department had run two campaigns highlighting the tragic consequences of driving at excessive speed.

Thatcher cash backs Eastern enterprise

BY ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

THE Margaret Thatcher Foundation, set up by the former prime minister to promote free enterprise around the world, has made its first grant to help aspiring entrepreneurs from former communist countries train in the United Kingdom.

About £30,000 will go to Enterprise Europe, a programme of training placements for young business people from Eastern and Central Europe. It is the first project to receive money from the foundation, set up by Baroness Thatcher after she left office in November 1990.

The Enterprise Europe programme involves one-month placements with British companies for young businessmen and women from Hungary, Poland, the Czech republic and Slovakia. They will receive the relevant guidance and experience in Western management skills and market economics.

Enterprise Europe, set up by a group of young people in the aftermath of the collapse of the Berlin Wall, has so far brought 20 young people to Britain for training. This year 16 more will be coming, ten of whom will be backed by the Margaret Thatcher Foundation. They will be placed with organisations as diverse as a bus company in Glossop, Derbyshire, and a farm near Southampton.

Lady Thatcher said yesterday: "I hope that every one of the young people we help becomes a catalyst for the changes which are so necessary to transform the economies of Central and Eastern Europe."

She added: "I am impressed by the energy and commitment which these young people show and by the young volunteers who run the Enterprise Europe scheme."

Enterprise Europe's director, Pippa Markus, said: "We know from experience how valuable the trainees find their placements and the important links that they maintain with the UK once they have returned to their own countries."

Survey says Sunday workers back change in trading laws

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

SHOPPING on Sundays puts many customers into the hands of a new breed of employee, the Sunday-only shopworker, according to a survey that suggests a majority do not see any disadvantage to working on the Sabbath.

The largest-ever study of Sunday workers was commissioned by the Shopping Hours Reform Council, a retailer-based group lobbying for changes to Britain's Sunday trading legislation.

The government is expected to publish by the end of this month its bill on reforming the trading laws. Although ministers remain wary of the issue, John Major wants to clarify the legislation this year and the government hopes to space for the bill will be found in the parliamentary timetable.

Ministers believe that widespread trading on Sundays by supermarkets and DIY stores has increased the likelihood of new laws legitimising the practice, in spite of the opposition from churches and other groups.

The survey, carried out by the Institute for Retail Studies at Stirling University and published yesterday, studied 5,000 Sunday workers in such stores as Asda, Texas, Do It All, Sainsbury, Tesco and B&Q. It found that the stores "rely heavily on a labour force that works every Sunday and has a contract of less than 10 hours". More than 85 per cent have no other jobs and more than 66 per cent are women. A third work for less than 10 hours a week.

The study says that 54 per cent see no disadvantages in working on a Sunday, though a substantial minority of 46 per cent do. Lack of time spent with a partner or children is the main disadvantage. Not having enough time to play or watch sport was a disadvantage for 11 per cent, but only 2 per cent were concerned about not being able to go to church.

Most work on Sundays for the money, to supplement family income or as a form of financial independence for women, and almost half are paid double-time. Professor Leigh Sparks of Stirling University said: "There is a workforce here whose voice has not been heard, saying they want to work on Sundays and they are able to do it."

But Usdaw, the shopworkers' union, said the survey confirmed its experience that full-time staff and managers were reluctant to work on Sundays.

Bill Connor, deputy general-secretary, said shopworkers should be entitled to legally enforceable rights to refuse to work on Sunday, and to receive double pay if they did.

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Motorcycle assassin may be linked to carbon-copy killing

BY ANGELA MACKAY AND CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

MEMBERS of two murder squads were last night examining the similarities between the assassination of Donald Urquhart, 55, shot dead on Saturday night, and the killing of a south London off-licence owner last year.

Both murders bore the hallmarks of contract killings. Both were carried out by a man wearing a crash helmet, who used a handgun and who escaped on a motorcycle.

Mr Urquhart, a property developer, was walking along Marylebone High Street with his girl friend Pat Iamspithone, 36, when the killer, wearing a white crash helmet, shot him twice in the head and delivered the *coup de grâce* as he lay on the floor.

Roger Wilson, 46, was shot in the head as he mounted the steps of his home in Kennington on March 5 last year by a man wearing a red crash helmet. The killer escaped on a Honda motorcycle which had been bought for £250 through an advertisement in the newspaper *Loot* two days before.

His killer, who was described as a white male, aged about 30 with light red hair and about 5ft 6in tall, has never been found. Like the killer of Mr Urquhart, he wore a dark jacket. A man was arrested last month and bailed until January 13 in connection with the killing of Mr Wilson. Last night Scotland Yard confirmed that the two murder squads were liaising.

Police are still wading through Mr Urquhart's documents to try to unravel his business dealings. They are following leads which indicate that the victim may have used several aliases. Searches of documents related to Elstree Golf Club in Hertfordshire show two directors in addition to Mr Urquhart — Robert Davies and Eric Jackson.

Mr Jackson, a retired banker who lives in Geneva, told *The Times* that he had no knowledge of the directorship and did not know Mr Urquhart. However, further enquiries have shown that Elstree's holding company, the Hong Kong-based London Golf & Leisure, is ultimately owned by another Hong Kong company, Bonigo Ltd. Mr Jackson is named as one of Bonigo's three directors. The other two are Wang Shu Yu, a financier who lives in New York, and Marasu Otahi, a Japanese businessman.

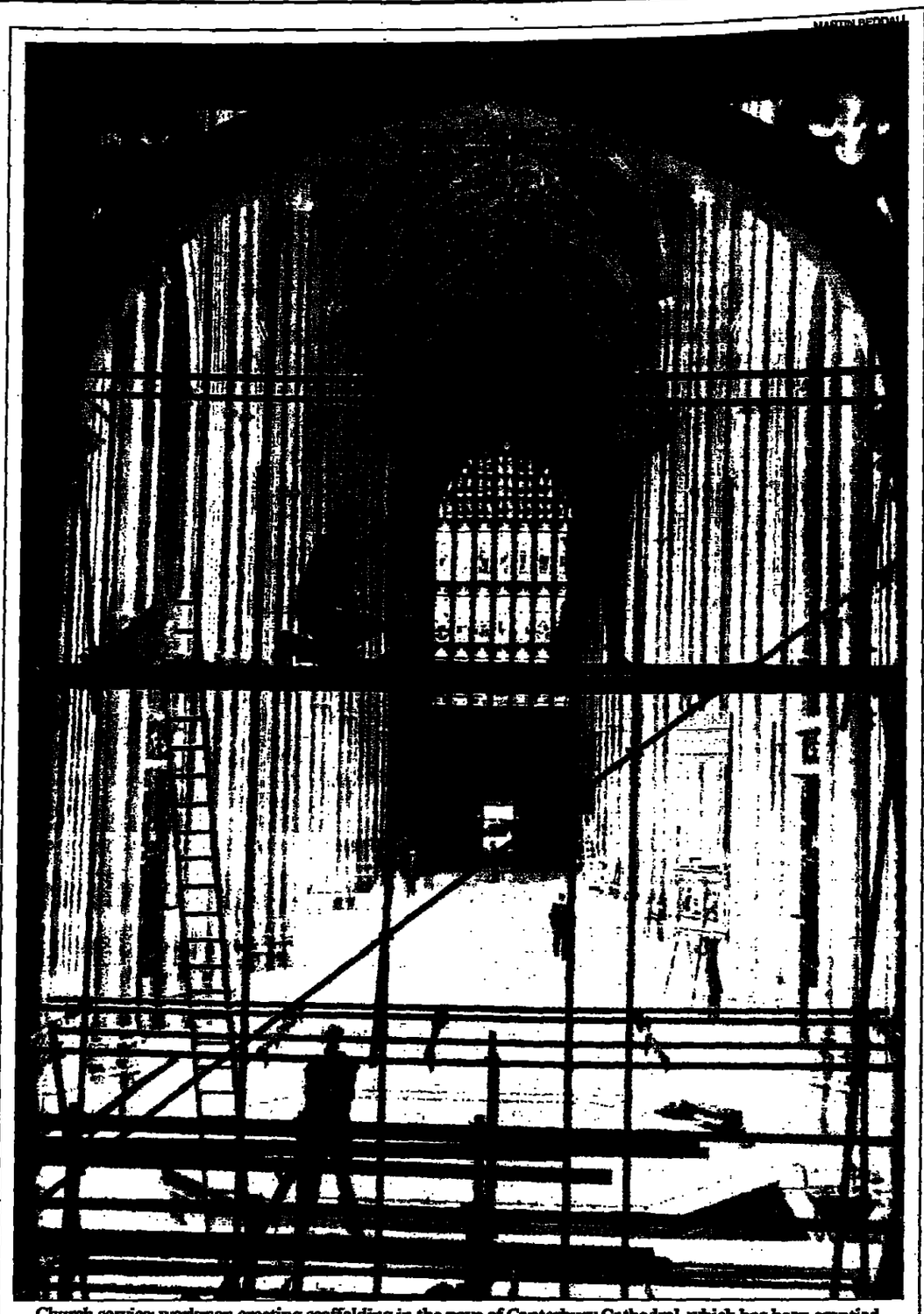
Mr Jackson said he stopped working for the bank in 1986 after an illness and officially retired in 1988. According to Companies House records in Britain and Hong Kong, Mr Jackson's purported involvement in both Elstree and Bonigo dates from 1987. Mr Jackson said: "I have sympathy for Mr Urquhart but I do not know him nor his business."

Police are also investigating claims from another Donald Urquhart, who says the assassin's bullets may have been meant for him. This Mr Urquhart, who was declared bankrupt in October 1991, allegedly lives in the same Spanish village as the victim's aged mother.

Another theory being examined is that Mr Urquhart's killing was connected with illegal gaming machines. There is a market in machines which are strictly illegal and pay out huge jackpots on games involving poker dice. It may be that Mr Urquhart had struck a deal to supply machines to clubs or pubs and had cut across an already established supplier.



Urquhart: killed by man in crash helmet



MARTIN RECKHALL

Church service: workmen erecting scaffolding in the nave of Canterbury Cathedral, which has been emptied of furnishings in preparation for work to replace the 200-year-old stone floor and install underfloor heating

Youth, 17, held after car death

A YOUTH of 17 was remanded in custody for his own safety by Walsall magistrates, West Midlands, yesterday, charged with the manslaughter of a schoolgirl who died after being hit by a stolen car near her home.

Donna Cooper, 13, died from multiple injuries after being dragged more than a hundred yards by a Ford Escort XR3 which failed to stop after the accident on Wednesday at Rushall. Donna, wearing her school uniform, was walking to her aunt's house.

The youth, who cannot be named for legal reasons, is alleged to have been driving the car. He was also charged with stealing a motor vehicle and other motoring offences. A girl aged 15, two boys aged 13 and 14 and a man of 26 were charged with aggravated vehicle theft and the theft of a vehicle.

Phone hoax

A woman of 84 left several hundred pounds in a telephone box for a confidence trickster. He rang her pretending to be a policeman and said that the money would buy information leading to the arrest of a man who had burgled her house at Pontefract, West Yorkshire.

Man gassed

A machinist aged 20 died from carbon monoxide poisoning when he slept in his garaged car with the engine running to avoid disturbing his parents after a night out. The verdict at an inquest in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, was misadventure.

Rail honour

British Rail named a diesel locomotive *Old Eli* after Bill Baildon, who died of cancer aged 55 at Blackpool after working as a railman for 40 years. He had inherited the nickname from his father, also a railman.

Space invader

A judge called a county council committee chairman to his chambers and reprimanded him for using his parking space outside Isle of Wight Crown Court, Newport.

Pigeons wooed

Parishioners who put a plastic owl on their church tower at Painswick, Gloucestershire, to scare off pigeons found the birds using it as a perch.

Call of duty

Jamie Bevan, 20, and Iain Thompson, 17, of Perth, Australia, travelled to Swansea to join the Welsh Guards. Mr Bevan said: "I've always admired them."

GMC urged to weed out 'quacks'

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE public is at risk from quacks because the General Medical Council, the regulatory body for doctors, is reluctant to investigate alternative treatments that have no scientific basis, according to the *British Medical Journal*.

Dr Richard Smith, the *Journal*'s editor and a campaigner for the council's reform, says that doctors could lose the right to self-regulation if the council is not willing to investigate risky treatments that show no evidence of benefit.

"The GMC was founded to protect the public against quacks. If a doctor offers a treatment which may be risky and has not yet been scientifically proved to be beneficial, the GMC surely owes it to the public either to stop the doctor offering the treatment or to stop the doctor practising."

Organ shortage puts heart patients at risk

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE shortage of donor organs for heart transplants is sending many potential recipients to an early grave, doctors say.

The high cost of the operation and after-care, which runs into tens of thousands of pounds, has been criticised as a waste of National Health Service resources on patients who are too sick to benefit. But a study of patients treated in the mid-1980s at the Brompton hospital in London and Harefield hospital in Middlesex has found that many who were days away from death when operated on are leading active lives up to eight years later.

Twenty out of 26 patients who received transplants survived the operation, and 17 were alive five years later, ten of them working full time. All had families and most said they led normal lives with no restrictions on their activities.

Writing in the *British Medical Journal*, the researchers, who include Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, Britain's leading heart transplant surgeon, say that the long-term results of the operation are excellent. Overall, 70 per cent of patients survive for five years when results from all centres worldwide are combined.

Sir Magdi said that patients seeking treatment today faced a longer wait for surgery, during which many would die, because of a decline in the number of hearts available. "We have the capacity to do 220 transplants but we expect to carry out only 150 this year. It is very hard to know why the total has declined."

☐ A virus may be the cause of dilated cardiomyopathy, a heart disease that affects several thousand people in Britain, according to a study at the King's College hospital school of medicine.

Nuclear waste plant too risky, says FoE

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

RISKS to the public from a new nuclear reprocessing plant at Sellafield have been seriously underestimated, says the environmental pressure group Friends of the Earth.

FoE voices its objections in a report published yesterday and submitted to HM Pollution Inspectorate as part of the consultation process prior to authorisation for the £1.85 billion thermal oxide reprocessing plant (Thorp).

FoE says that the inspectors and the agriculture ministry have underestimated the likely dose of radioactivity to the most exposed members of the public. This is a largely theoretical group of people in Cumbria who consume large quantities of fish and shellfish from the Sellafield area.

The argument hinges on how much plutonium and americium in the waste discharges from Thorp, which will reprocess spent nuclear fuel from British and overseas nuclear plants, is taken up in the digestive systems of the group.

A study commissioned by FoE at the radiobiology department of St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School in London suggests that the ministry has underestimated the uptake by a factor of between two and five.

"A rigorous assessment of the risk reveals breaches of the officially-recommended safety standards," Patrick Green of Foe said yesterday. "The plan to permit further discharges from Sellafield is based on flawed analysis and must be thrown out."

British Nuclear Fuels, which runs Sellafield, yesterday had no comment to make on the report. The inspectorate said that it had so far received 7,700 submissions about the Thorp plant and was not proposing to comment on any of them until all had been considered.

Thieves raise the roof from historic barns

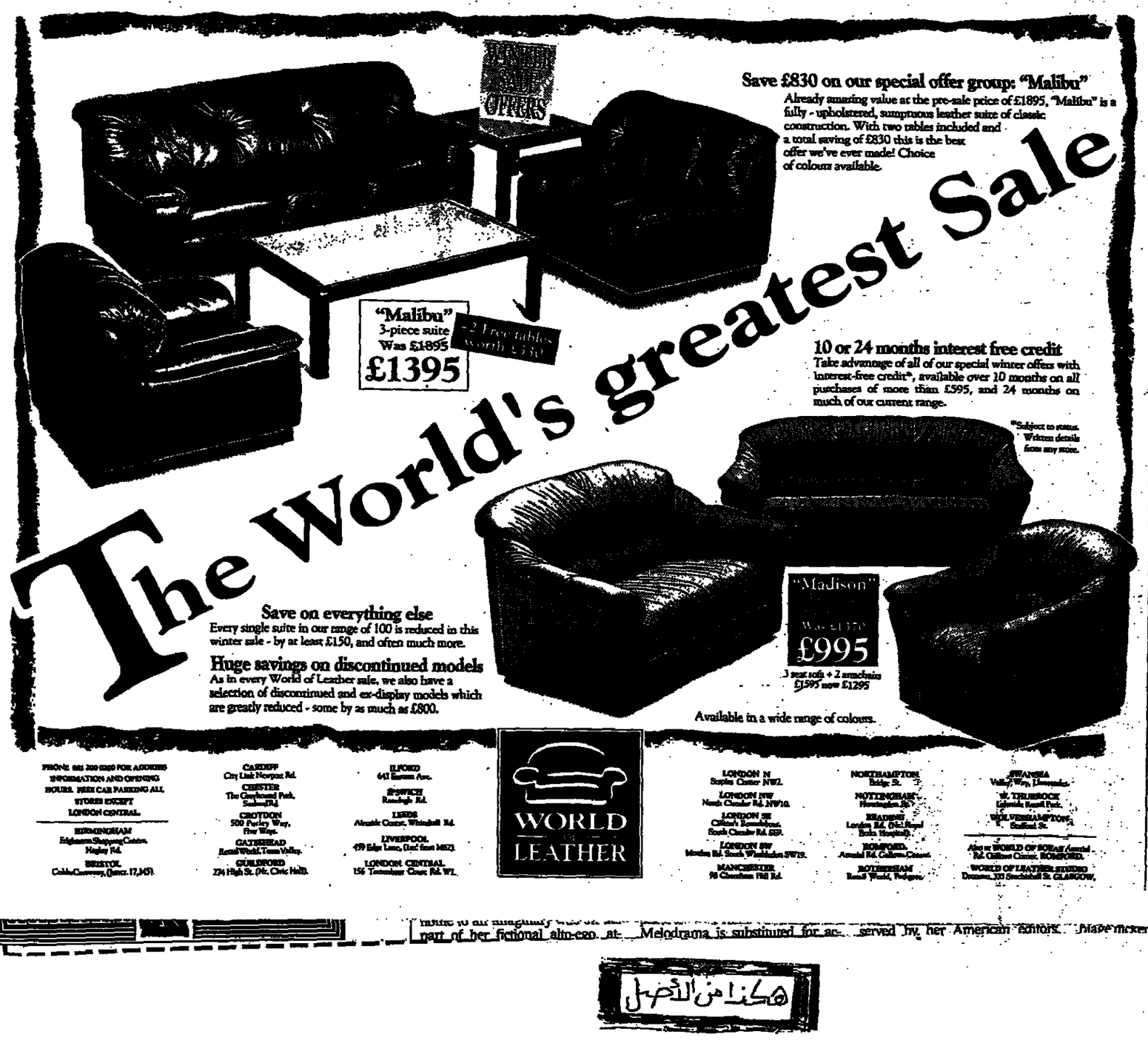
BY RONALD FAUX

AN OUTBREAK of what has been described as the perfect crime — roof stealing — has been reported in Cumbria. Police say that 123 buildings have been illegally stripped in the past year.

Once a roof has been reduced to a pile of slates, sold to a dealer and used in another building, it is impossible for the owner to prove that the roof was originally his. Gathering evidence is so difficult that the Country Landowners' Association describes roof stealing as the perfect crime.

Replacing a stolen roof with the quality slate that is required in a farm or barn in the Lake District national park costs more than £10,000. Jolyon Dodgson, the association's secretary in Cumbria, said that the thefts had put up insurance costs to such an extent that some buildings were impossible to insure. "The full cost will then fall on the farmer, who is most likely already hard-pressed financially," he said.

The association and the police have urged builders' merchants and suppliers to mark slates. "One builder who had marked slates was able to identify them when they were recovered," a police spokesman said.



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Unsold cars inflate market lead for Rover

BY KEVIN EASON AND TIM JONES

AS MANY as 5,000 cars which boosted Rover's December sales tally may never have been in showrooms. The cars were registered by the company for its own use.

Motor industry officials puzzled by the company's December surge were last night breaking down statistics issued yesterday by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. They discovered that there could be a gap between sales and registrations. The gap is created by the fact that cars only have to be registered — not necessarily sold — to appear in the monthly figures.

Rover's spectacular jump to market leadership last month, which caused surprise throughout the industry, came because its registrations showed a 67.35 per cent increase over the same month last year.

Its December sales were 20,362, compared with a record 19,989 for Land Rover, 13,301 for Ford, 11,030 for GM-Vauxhall, 6,802 for Nissan, 1,401 for BMW and 150 for Jaguar Daimler.

Total sales for 1992 showed only a 0.08 per cent increase over the previous year, with sales at 1,593,601 compared with 1,592,326. The 1992 figures moved ahead only in the last ten days of December. The monthly total, at 79,903, was 37.12 per cent ahead of December 1991, when registrations reached 58,274.

Sir Hal Miller, the society's chief executive, said the small annual increase "reinforces our belief that the home market is on its way to recovery and we are confident that this will continue, on a more modest scale, throughout 1993 ... But this achievement must be seen in its true perspective because it is still 21 per cent behind 1990 and 31 per cent down on 1989."

Industry sources attribute the overall increase to a return of consumer confidence and the abolition of the special car tax.

Ford, which still retains a market lead for the whole year, attributed its percentage decline in December to ending production of the Sierra and the imminent launch of its Mondeo model.

However, cars registered to Rover and its parent company, British Aerospace, could account for up to 5 per cent of its market share in December. The practice is widespread among manufacturers who register cars in bulk to be used as dealer demonstrators, in promotional fleets or for business use. In times of recession when stocks are high, the trend has been to register more demonstrators and clear stocks.

One theory in the industry is that Rover was left with hundreds of cars which did not meet European environmental legislation on catalytic converters, which came into force on January 1. The recession left manufacturers with thousands of unequipped cars and it is thought Rover decided to register the cars in house rather than hold a "fire sale".

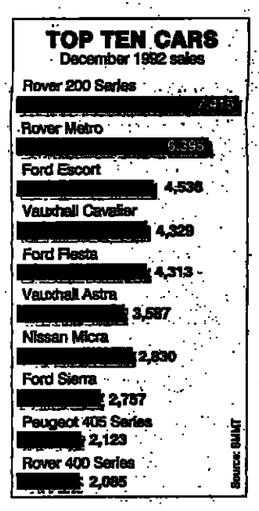
A Rover spokesman said: "There is little of significance apart from our own registrations to distort our performance. We are not trying to inflate our figures. It is just the way things worked out in December and we are not doing anything different to other manufacturers."

Much of Rover's increase is the result of aggressive discounting. It is understood to have hired telephone sales staff to contact thousands of small firms.

Ford has started a similar telesales campaign to make way for the Mondeo, which it hopes will turn round three years of huge financial losses and redundancies. Ford lost £590 million in 1991 and announced 4,000 redundancies at the end of last year.

How much this feverish sales activity has made December a blip on the sales charts rather than the signal for a recovery remains to be seen. Neil Marshall, chief economist at the Retail Motor Industry Federation, said: "There are plenty of deals around because the manufacturers are desperate to make sales, but the trend is up and we can only hope that continues."

TOP TEN CARS
December 1992 sales





Bad taste of paradise: holiday brochures too often feature young white people, with locals portrayed as "smiling servants or sexual lures"

Colonialism lives on for Caribbean tourists

BY JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

TOURISTS in the Caribbean treat the islands as if they are still colonies, the annual conference of the Institute of Geographers was told yesterday. They come for sun, sea, sand and sex and see the indigenous people as servile natives there to cater for every whim, said Brisavel Holcomb of Rutgers University in New Jersey, America.

More than ten million tourists visit the Caribbean every year and the industry makes up nearly 80 per cent of the gross national product of places such as the Bahamas and Cayman Islands. Yet up to 80 per cent of the tourism income does not go into the local economy, as most visitors travel with non-Caribbean airlines and stay in hotels belonging to multinational groups.

Dr Holcomb, of the university's department of urban studies and community health, said holiday brochures for the Caribbean usually used images of young, slim, white couples.

"Local people are mainly smiling servants or sexual lures. The history of plantations and slavery is silenced in favour of nostalgic romance," she told the conference at Royal Holloway College in Egham, Surrey. "The tourists stay in little islands of luxury in seas of poverty. My sense is that tourists enjoy the idea of going back to the happy colonial days and not feeling bad about it."

The tourist industry in the Highlands has a more practical problem. It is under threat from the biting midge, which has seen a large increase in numbers during the past 100 years because of changes in land use and the climate.

Alasdair Roberts of the Northern College, Aberdeen, told the conference that literary evidence showed midges were rarely seen in Scotland before the mid-19th century. Robert Burns refers to them in his poetry only in terms of their small size rather than their irritation factor. But in the 1850s midge swarms became a feature of *Punch* cartoons as sportsmen took to the moors.

Queen Victoria acknowledged the problem by relaxing her no-smoking rule when staying at Balmoral in the hope that smoke would deter the pests.

Mr Roberts said the end of draining of arable land and the spread of bracken, which shelters the insects, had led to the growth in midge numbers. The increase in warm and wet weather had also encouraged them to breed.

☐ Airport planning that takes too much account of environmental considerations and the feelings of residents is a recipe for failure, said Stan Maiden, a research director at BAA. He claimed that the British civil aviation industry would be severely affected if the wishes of airlines and passengers were ignored.

A fifth terminal is planned at Heathrow, already the biggest international airport, because BAA believes that passengers may abandon British airports and aircrafts altogether if they cannot fly to and from this destination.

"Any plans for developing new terminal capacity in the South East which ignore the strength of the locational pull exerted by Heathrow will seriously undermine the relative strength of the UK civil aviation industry and all those sectors of the UK economy which will benefit from it," Mr Maiden said.

☐ The British coal industry has no future and has been doomed since the 1950s — instead the future of British energy lies with gas, claimed Peter Odell, director of the Rotterdam Centre for International Energy Studies.

"Over the past 34 years energy policies of successive British governments have been largely characterised by Canute-like attempts to prevent the inevitable, the ultimate near demise of the UK deep-mined coal industry," Professor Odell said.

But Dr Derek Spooner, of the School of Geography and Earth Resources at Hull University, said it would be irresponsible to abandon the coal industry at this point.

'No risk' in epilepsy triggered by video

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SITTING in front of the television screen playing a computer game is the safest place to have an epileptic fit, a specialist said after it emerged that three teenagers have been treated at Cardiff Royal Infirmary since Christmas following fits triggered by the games.

About one in 250 children is susceptible to fits induced by intense flashing lights, although far fewer would be disturbed by a flickering video game, according to Dr Richard Grunewald, research fellow at the Institute of Neurology in London. Many children grow out of it.

Dr Grunewald said that for two of the Cardiff teenagers who had no family history of epilepsy, the games had proved a useful diagnostic device. "It is unlikely that anyone having a fit in front of a TV screen would come to any harm. It does no damage to the brain and it is probably the safest place in the world to have a seizure. It is certainly better to discover that you are susceptible at home than behind the wheel of a car."

Anyone having a fit after playing the games should stop using them and consult their doctor, he said.

The games' leading manufacturers, Sega and Nintendo, already include warnings with the games, but the British Epilepsy Association said they should be printed more prominently, on the outside of the packaging. The warnings say that the light patterns on the games may induce an epileptic seizure.

The association had reassurance for parents. "All children want these games and we think it is too small a problem to deny them," a spokeswoman said. "Children with epilepsy should be treated as far as possible like other children."

Computer games can cause a seizure in sensitive people because their flicker rate is low and they are designed for players sitting close to the screen. Sufferers can avoid the problem when watching television by sitting far away, using the remote control and closing one eye if they approach the set.

Winter's house sale figures confirm rise

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

SALES of new homes showed a steady rise during the past three months, adding to hopes that house prices may finally be stabilising.

The National House Building Council (NHBC) has issued figures showing that a daily average of 490 sales in September rose to a daily average of 530 for November and 555 for December. Basil Bean, the NHBC's chief executive, said: "There is a glimmer that the market is improving."

The first hints from estate agents that the market was picking up were reported at the end of last year after an unexpected pre-Christmas boom made December the busiest month the depressed trade has known for at least three years. Michael Jones, president of the National Association of Estate Agents, said agents were positive throughout the country about renewed interest from buyers.

House prices — which fell 8.4 per cent in 1992 — and new building starts are still at historically low levels, however. Jack Straw, the shadow environment secretary, said: "This is further damning evidence of the fraud which Major pulled on the electorate in April. The promise could not have been clearer — 'Our policies will mean a stronger housing market'. It was a reckless falsehood."

The NHBC said that only 26,400 homes were built in the last three months of last year, the lowest total since 1981. Nearly 7,000 of those were for public housing for those on low incomes, further evidence of the collapse of the speculative housing market. A total of 126,000 new homes were built during 1992.

The NHBC figures show that while housing starts are down, it is the best time to buy for more than 20 years.

The Nationwide Building Society's December house price index showed only a slight fall of 0.2 per cent compared to a 2.0 per cent fall in November and a 2.7 per cent fall in October.

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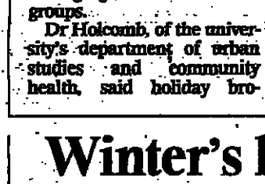
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YESTERDAY I turned my attention to Rolf Harris's merry new recording of the old Led Zeppelin number "Stairway to Heaven", but re-recordings have dominated the charts for a good few years.

Advertisers were the first to realise the potential of pop to become a lucrative adjunct to the nostalgia industry. The strong association of certain pop songs with earlier, more innocent times was able to exert a powerful pull on potential consumers.

A friend of mine in advertising tells me of two copywriters notorious for basing campaigns on old pop songs. Given a new product, they would immediately sift through *The Guinness Book of Hit Singles* for an appropriate tune.

This somewhat lazy method soon began to irritate their colleagues, who hatched a plot to unsettle them. Knowing that they would be promoting Lurpak butter, their colleagues reprinted an entire page of the book, ascribing a very minor hit called "Lurpak" (two weeks at No 17) to The Dave Clark Five in 1966. For weeks, the pair scoured old record stores and libraries for "Lurpak" by The Dave Clark Five, but to no avail. Eventually their colleagues told them of their cruel joke.

I'd like to report that they never again used a pop song in their advertisements, but I rather doubt it. Knowing ad men, it seems more likely that they managed to persuade the manufacturer to change the name of Lurpak to "Gladallover" and took it from there.

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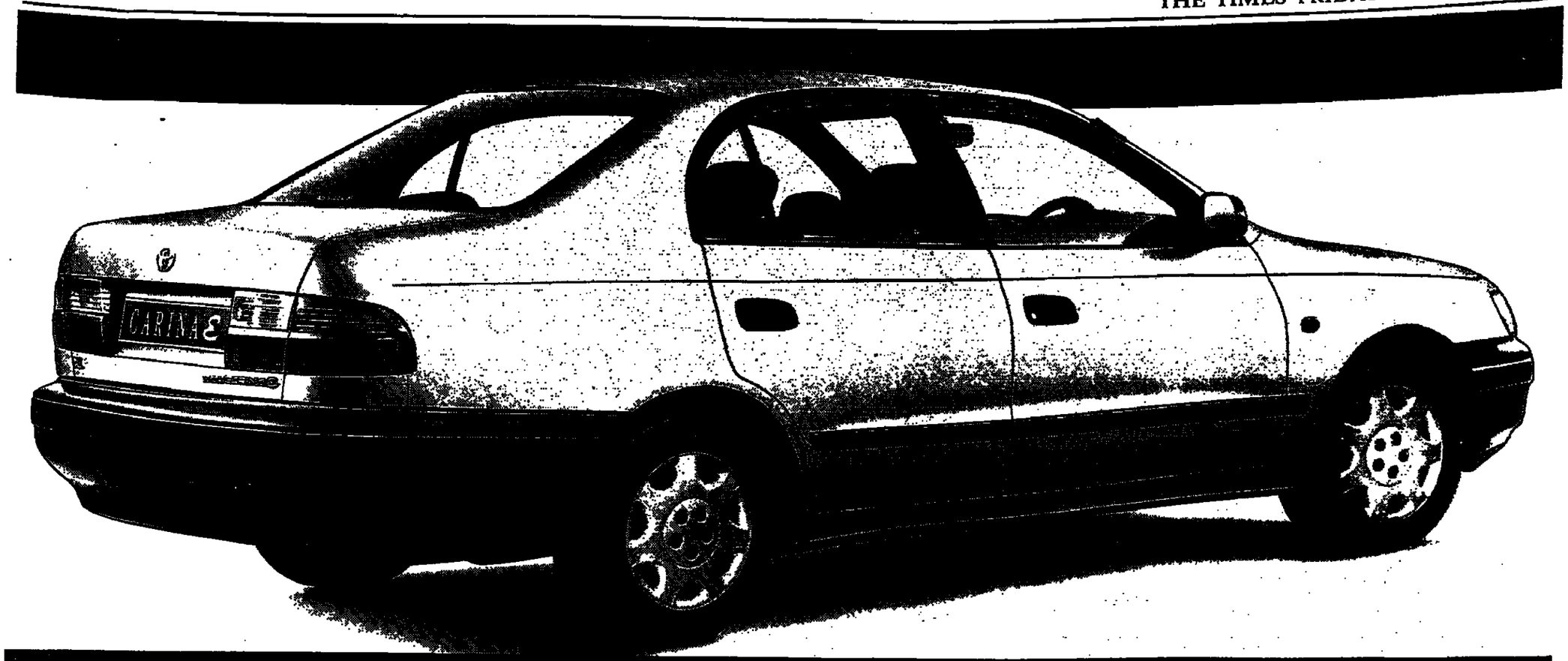
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Warring tribes mark brutal Christmas in city of tears

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BANJA LUKA

■ Banja Luka is the last key Bosnian town under Serb control in which Croat and Muslim communities remain. Many fear intervention would release an inferno

BANJA Luka has a rock band called Honeymoon. In their video the Honeymooners, in the uniform of the Bosnian Serb army, pose on tanks and rock to the beat of "We gotta show the world that this is a hard nut to crack". For the Croats and Muslims who still live in this Bosnian Serb stronghold, the act is no joke.

Banja Luka, where temperatures fall as low as -20C, is no ordinary armed camp. It is the strangest place in Bosnia-Herzegovina. It is the last main town under Serb control in which the Croat and Muslim communities remain. It is a city of tears and fear, a brutal microcosm of a fratricidal war.

Yesterday Orthodox Serbs celebrated Christmas. As is the custom hundreds of worshippers crowded into their cathedral at 4.30 am. Inside the priests gave praise to the prince of peace. Outside scores of drunken soldiers and young men pumped thousands of rounds of automatic rifle fire into the clock tower of the neighbouring Catholic (Croat) cathedral.

By mid-morning it was business as usual at the cathedral. A crowd gathered to receive their monthly food handout from a Catholic charity. An old woman burst into tears and said: "They broke my windows. There has been no electricity for seven days but my friend gives me wood." Her friend said: "We are celebrating the Serbian Christmas today, we already did the Catholic one." Her husband is a Serb and their two sons are on the front line. "What could they do," she said. "If they refused they would have lost their jobs, we would have lost the flat and we'd have no bread." Another woman cried. "All I want is that the Lord protect my son. He's hiding, he won't go in their army."

Just down the road Serb families came to cry at the graves of their sons. The cemetery is overflowing with fresh graves. The ones with stones now set are the most tragic of all. The mother and father of Slobodan Buha polished his tombstone yesterday morning. His portrait is engraved between theirs. Drazenko Ilic, 24 when he died, is pictured on top of a tank. Dragan Budic's wife has engraved on the back of his stone: "You will be with me always." Her name is Azra. It is a Muslim name.

Before the war the population of Banja Luka was 120,000. Roughly half were Serbs, a quarter each were Muslims and Croats. According to Beat Schweizer, a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross, 20,000 Serbs have fled but at least as many have arrived, refugees from Croatia and parts of Bosnia controlled by Muslims and Croats. Half the Croats have fled and while 10,000 Muslims have gone another 10,000 are thought to have arrived, in flight from "ethnic cleansing" in the countryside and small towns around Banja Luka.

"This town is walking on the edge," Mr Schweizer said. "I've thought many times that they would move on the non-Serbs and people are very afraid, but the 'big thing' has never happened. There are incidents every day but the authorities try to keep the tension down. They know it is important for their reputation that nothing happens." According to Mr Schweizer, the biggest fear of Muslims is military intervention. "They think it would unleash the ultimate inferno." Officially, at least, Muslim leaders are putting a brave face on things. "Tell Europe that I want to die in my home not as a refugee, as a dog," Nijaz Karaselimovic, the local president of Bosnia's Muslim humanitarian organisation, Merhamet, says.

Most Muslims and Croats quite simply cannot leave now even if they wanted to. Croatia is letting few people in, doors across Europe are closed and the Bosnian Serb Republic requires at least ten documents from those seeking to move. They include papers stating that they have paid the television licence and have no outstanding library fines.

Even the trees of Banja Luka speak of the tragedy of this war. Apart from the death notices hundreds of little handwritten notes advertise for flat swaps. The towns they name are the dismal list of places from where Serbs have fled. Muslims and Croats from Banja Luka pin up their pathetic notes, too. One assures prospective buyers that the village which he seeks to leave is a Serb one.

Few Serbs in Banja Luka think the war is close to finishing. "All we want is our freedom," one soldier said. "As far as I am concerned this is 1939."

UN's Bosnian aid effort 'is reaching its limits'

BY JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MANY people could die of cold and hunger in Bosnia-Herzegovina this winter, the director of United Nations relief operations in former Yugoslavia said yesterday, despite what he considered an unexpectedly high level of success for the UN aid effort.

"We are reaching the limits of what can be expected from the humanitarian solution," Jose Maria Mendiluce, the envoy of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, said. People in many areas of the republic were not at risk, but many would die in the large areas occupied, or encircled, by Serbian forces.

"If this situation does not change dramatically in the near future, many people are at serious risk of dying from exposure or starvation," Mr Mendiluce said at a press conference in Sarajevo.

Mr Mendiluce's remarks underscored criticism from Sarajevans that the civilian population simply cannot wait for a negotiated settlement — which almost everyone in the Bosnian capital, including some UN officials, feels will never come. The comments also highlighted what appears to be the new strategy of the Bosnian Serbs.

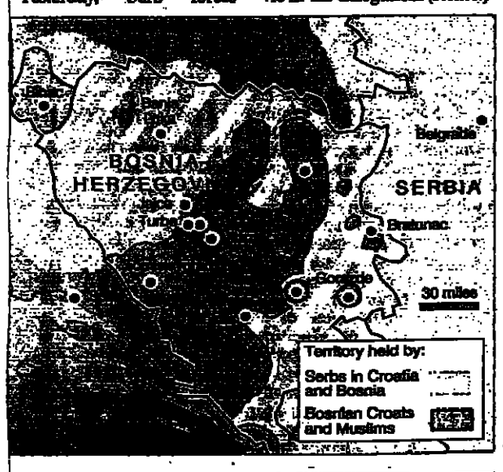
Particularly around Sarajevo, where they hold unquestioned military superiority, the Serbs have shifted to defensive positions and are allowing the winter to take a greater role in making life in the city unbearable and putting pressure on the Bosnian government to capitulate. There has been far less shelling of Sarajevo and sniper activity since winter began, but life there is becoming increasingly desperate in the freezing temperatures.

Yesterday, Serb forces around Sarajevo said that they had come under heavy attack overnight and early in the morning, on the Serb Orthodox Christmas day. Fighting died down around midday, after what were described as the fiercest clashes in the capital for weeks, but in many parts of Bosnia artillery and infantry attacks continued.

Mr Mendiluce said that the UN relief operation should not be used as an excuse to take, or not to take, any particular course of action that could bring a solution. "We should not be used as an alibi." The envoy recalled what he and his workers faced after Jajce, a central Bosnian town of about 20,000 people, fell to Serb forces in November. "They were not asking us for hot tea or a piece of bread. They were asking us with their eyes: 'What home are you going to give me?' I was crying with my colleagues — we can't bring them a home."

Mr Mendiluce also announced that residents of a nursing home on the Sarajevo front line would be evacuated, if they wished, within days. Ten people died in the home this week because of temperatures well below freezing in the unheated bedrooms. Doctors were to assess which of the residents should be admitted to hospital immediately.

☐ **Geneva:** International mediators moved yesterday to bring Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, to this weekend's peace talks here on Bosnia. Fred Eckhard, a spokesman for Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen, told reporters that they were asking President Cosic of the rump Yugoslavia if he would "consider it appropriate" to include Mr Milosevic in his delegation. *(Reuter)*





Reclaiming tradition: Aleksi, Russian Orthodox Patriarch of Moscow and of All Russia, conducting the Christmas liturgy in Moscow early yesterday. President Yeltsin joined the many Russians who are seeking new values to replace vanished communist ones

Patriarch rejects papal offer

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Serbian Orthodox Patriarch, Pavle, has declined to attend a meeting of European church leaders led by the Pope who will gather at Assisi tomorrow to pray for peace in the Balkans and other areas.

Dr Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the chief Vatican spokesman, said the Holy See also had been told that the Archbishop of Canterbury was unable to take part in the ceremonies for family reasons. The Church of England will be represented by Dr John Habgood, the Archbishop of York. There is speculation in diplomatic circles that Lambeth Palace may wish to distance itself from the strident calls by the Vatican over the past few weeks for the West to intervene militarily to disarm the Serbs.

In a letter to the Pope, Patriarch Pavle said that "the fact of not being able to come should not be interpreted in any way as wanting to refuse a fraternal hand". European Muslim and Jewish leaders will take part in the meeting.

German jobless increase

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

THE number of people unemployed in former West Germany rose above the psychologically critical mark of two million at the end of last year, confirming forecasts by economic experts that the German economy was moving into deep recession.

Unemployment in former East Germany remained almost stagnant, with only a slight increase to bring the total to 1.1 million people, or about 13.9 per cent, according to figures issued yesterday by the federal labour office in Nuremberg. In former West Germany, the rate rose from 6.9 to 7.4 per cent, with the jobless total rising by 300,000 over the year.

Heinrich Franke, the retiring president of the labour office, admitted that the increase was more than seasonal. Short-time working has gone up fivefold in the past four months, while the number of job vacancies fell by nearly 9,000 compared with the previous year.

The gloomy figures came a day after a Berlin research institute spoke of an "economic fiasco" facing the country and said Germany was on the brink of a disaster. The recession in the west, it added, was having a devastating effect on the five *Länder*, or provinces, of former East Germany.

Warsaw moves towards more restricted access to abortion

BY PATRICIA KOZA IN WARSAW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Polish parliament yesterday approved legislation restricting a woman's access to an abortion in the heavily Catholic country, but abortion opponents pledged last night that they will seek a stricter version when the bill comes before the senate.

The Sejm passed the bill by 213 votes to 171, with 29 abstentions, in the latest stage of a four-year battle led by the Christian National Alliance party and backed by the powerful Roman Catholic Church. Cardinal Jozef Glemp, Poland's primate, called the bill "a compromise" opening the way for improving the nation's morality. "This is a step forward in defence of the life of the unborn," he said.

If it becomes law, the measure would replace a 1956 communist-era statute permitting abortion virtually on demand. Government figures estimate 100,000 women terminate pregnancies annually in Poland, which has a population of 39 million, but the church claims the figure is closer to one million.

The Christian party's bill would have permitted abortions only when the woman's life is in danger and it imposed prison terms of up to ten years for anyone helping a woman obtain an abortion. That would be the toughest anti-abortion law in Europe, exceeding even the Republic of Ireland's; the Irish law permits exceptions only when the expectant mother threatens suicide but it does not contain criminal sanctions.

But the Polish anti-abortion bill was heavily liberalised by amendments allowing abortions when the pregnancy is the result of incest or rape, or when pre-natal tests indicate the foetus is grossly deformed, and when there is serious danger to the life or health of the mother. Abortion will be allowed only in public hospitals, requiring doctors to obtain certificates supporting their diagnosis from two other independent doctors. In cases of crime, the woman will have to seek authorisation from the prosecutor's office.

In another significant concession, the woman would not be subject to criminal penalties, nor would the doctor performing an abortion, in the circumstances outlined in the bill. But the amended legislation still provides penalties of up to two years in prison for unspecified persons aiding in cases of an illegal abortion.

The Sejm also approved amendments requiring sex education in schools, maternity leave and special aid for pregnant students, and wider availability of contraceptives — all anathema to the church.

The battlefront now moves to the Senate, probably on January 18. It is expected to reject many of the amendments adopted by the lower house. Neither side was entirely satisfied with the draft. Hanna Suchocka, the prime minister, anxious not to be seen to be taking sides, left the chamber before the vote.

Stefan Niesiolowski, leader of the Christian alliance parliamentary caucus, said many party deputies voted for the liberalised bill simply to get the 1956 law off the books. "What tipped the balance was the fact that our party wants to give the Senate the chance to amend the bill according to our expectations, and the fact that we want the 1956 law, which is the greatest evil, to stop being effective." He added: "It is a shame that people voted for allowing the killing in certain cases."

"It's a step in the right direction, but I'm counting on the Senate to change it," said Jan Lopuszanski, of the Christian Union. Jozef Oleksy, the former Communist deputy, said the bill was "cruel" as only "cosmetic" changes were introduced. "This is another step towards a religious state," he said.

Earlier, the Sejm rejected a motion to hold a public referendum on abortion. Barbara Labuda, of the liberal Democratic Union, said she would continue to campaign for Poles to choose the shape of the new law themselves. About one million people have signed petitions demanding a vote.

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Few Russians mourn the son they can hardly remember

FROM ANNE MCELVOY AND GUY CHAZAN IN MOSCOW

MOURNING for Rudolf Nureyev was muted in Russia yesterday. For Western ballet lovers he was synonymous with the elegance and passion of Russian ballet; in his native land, which consigned him to the status of an unperson for 26 years after his defection in 1961, he was barely known outside the cognoscenti.

His memory among those admirers who for a quarter of a century relied on whispered news of their idol's triumphs will always be clouded by the pain of the lost years. As one critic wrote of his last performance in St Petersburg: "Our ovations were addressed to the past — to one of our own who was unfamiliar to us." Many Russians even today do not know who he is and regard Mikhail Barishnikov, who was better known when he went to the West in 1974, as their most famous dancer.

Nureyev was just 23 when he flung himself into the arms of French customs officials, and had been dancing professionally for only three years. Spotted after winning a national ballet contest in Moscow while training in the remote Urals city of Ufa, he was offered soloist positions at the Bolshoi and at the Kirov in St Petersburg.

He chose the Kirov, regarded as the country's second ballet in terms of prestige but by purists as superior in technique. Nenel Kurgatkina, then the ballet's prima ballerina, danced with Nureyev in *Swan Lake*, *Sleeping Beauty* and a host of other productions.

Now 62 and a teacher, she said: "Everything there was to dance we danced and every role was magnified by him; even then he jumped higher than the rest could dream of. He was the intellectual of ballet and a workaholic, always in search of better techniques and new interpretations. He revolutionised male dance by giving it power."

Nureyev's fierce independence shocked the conservative Russian ballet world of the late 1950s. Mrs Kurgatkina recalled the outcry one evening when Nureyev, having learnt from a smuggled magazine that Western dancers wore light leggings rather than the unyielding Russian layers, decided to go on stage in his long-johns.

"The dresser was shrieking on the internal phone to the director, 'He wants to go on naked. What shall we do?' " They let him go on. "I cried and cried the day he defected," she said, "But it was the best thing for his dancing. He was so stifled here." She will travel to his funeral with other Russian devotees and former partners.

Oleg Vinogradov, the Kirov's artistic director, who studied with Nureyev at St Petersburg's Vaganova school, said he was deeply saddened at the death of a friend and exceptional personality. Like many early friends, he was able to contact his former classmate only in the glasnost period.

Nureyev was on state television's list of émigrés who in no circumstances were to be glimpsed on film and Russian dancers touring the West were forbidden to meet him. "We were under orders to cross the street if we saw him," Mr Vinogradov said. Nureyev's requests to return to Ufa to see his ailing mother were rejected until 1987, by which time she no longer recognised him, distressing him by calling him by the formal "you". She died a few days after his visit.

In 1989, he returned for a performance at the Kirov and remarked that it was "terrible, . . . the same as ever. Even the same old grandmothers sitting in the exits."



Nureyev: an unperson since 1961 defection

SPORTING LIFE

Have you read any good maps lately?

The actor Nicky Henson has, he tells Penelope Denning, every time he takes to the woods to go orienteering

Thirteen years ago Nicky Henson found himself a "Saturday father" or, more precisely, because he was a successful West End actor, a "Sunday father", and was faced with the weekly challenge of how to entertain two energetic boys, then aged nine and 12.

"You spend your life thinking of things to do, something that won't spoil them but that they will look forward to," he says. "I had never heard of orienteering until Joe, my youngest, saw something on *Blue Peter*. I dutifully rang Kidsline, the children's information service, who gave me the number of my nearest group, which happened to be the Middlesex Orienteers.

"The thing that immediately appealed to me about orienteering is that it isn't a fitness sport. It's not about speed. The winner is the better map reader, or rather the person with the better map memory."

Orienteering is the shanks's pony equivalent of point-to-pointing. It's map reading with intelligence; navigating for the landlubber. Whereas even a love-sick teenager realises that the quickest route across a river is via a bridge, it takes an experienced map reader to work out that the best way across a valley may not be down and up but round the rim.

"Although obviously the idea is to complete the course as quickly as possible, orienteering is not a first-past-the-post sport. You're let loose at intervals. Only when everyone has finished do you find out how you've done, so you don't get a chance to feel downhearted."

Proof that you have completed the course is obtained by punching a special card at the various strategically placed "controls".

"You don't have to visit the controls in any particular order," Henson says. "Part of the skill is looking at the map, knowing how difficult the terrain is and planning: thinking I'll do this one first, then that one, avoiding that fence, avoiding that valley, taking that ridge.

"You get to recognise clues for the landscape. As it happens, I wasn't a bad map reader to start with — I had done it at school in the Corps. But for Joe and Christian it was a great way of learning to visualise a place just by looking at a map. A very valuable skill."

Apart from sharp wits, the essential piece of equipment is a compass. It's all too easy in a wood, for example, to lose one's sense of direction. "Needless to say, they don't make it obvious. You have to be very precise. The control is usually just a stick in the ground which you could pass within a few feet of and miss."

As with any sport, there are different levels and standards of difficulty. The youngest official class is for under tens and the oldest is for over 70s. The easiest courses cover not much more than a mile, but serious adult orienteers should not expect to put their feet up before covering six or eight miles.

The majority of orienteers compete individually, but an advantage for those with small children is that orienteering, which began in Sweden, also allows family teams. "You work as a unit. One reads the map, one takes compass readings, and so on. It was a perfect way of combining fresh air, competition and just being together. And we had a ball doing it."

Events organised by local clubs are generally very informal and visitors are always welcome. Meetings tend to take place on Sunday mornings or weekday evenings in the summer, anywhere from the larger London commons or local beauty spots to the national parks.

Whatever the level — local, national or international — the rules are the same. The clock starts and the next competitor to go rushes to the master map and as quickly as possible transfers the information about where controls are to be found on to his or her personal map. Then, before you can say Anneka Rice, it's up and away.

"Obviously the less you have to stop and look at the map the better, so it is important to develop a good map memory. Certainly as a beginner you tend to make for an obvious point, something that is visible from where you are. A hillock, or a church, say.

"Eventually, you get better at judging just where controls have probably been put. The one thing you do learn very quickly is that the straightforward way to the control is usually not the best. There's sure to be a stream or a fence or a clump of bushes that you can't get through. It's all part of the fun."

For the seriously fit, orienteering offers the challenge of navigating over complex and rough ground while running at speed. For the less keen, or less agile, it's a painless way of staying fit and exploring parts of the countryside you might otherwise never get to see. It's also cheap as sporting activities go. Entry fees for small local events are usually around £1, half that for juniors.

In addition to local events, there are about 150 permanent orienteering courses around the country run by the British Orienteering Association, which provide a pressure-free introduction. Just buy an information pack and map, usually available locally, and set off at your own pace.

Henson is the first to admit that he is not terribly competitive. "The sports I like best are those where you're really competing against yourself, like swimming and snooker. The great thing about orienteering is that it's as difficult and as competitive as you want to make it.

"And I must admit there's a certain amount of gamesmanship, especially if you do it as a family at the level we did, like pretending you haven't found the control, or even laying a false scent for others by pretending you have. All thoroughly frowned upon by serious competitors, of course."

Joe and Christian are now grown up, but Henson also has five-year-old Kenton (by his second marriage to former Royal Ballet principal dancer Marguerite Porter). Does he intend donning his anorak and trainers again to initiate his youngest into the secrets of map and compass?

"Absolutely. Beats the Natural History Museum any day. I don't know if orienteering is in the Olympics, but it should be. It's a jolly good sport."

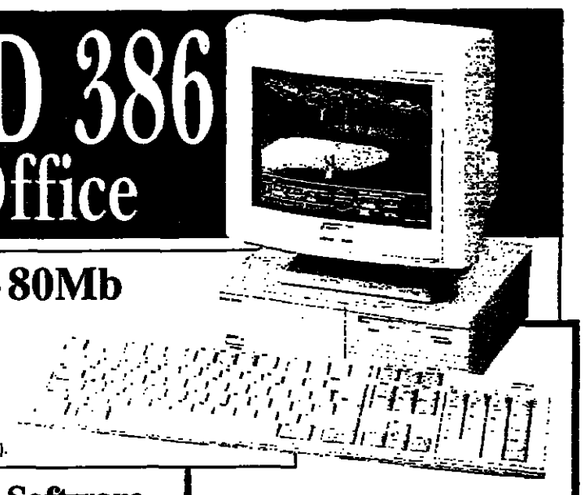
● *British Orienteering Federation, Riversdale, Dale Road North, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 2HX (0629 734042). Membership of individual clubs varies; family membership is about £20 a year, junior about £3, senior about £15. The specialist magazine is Compass Sport, 25 The Hermitage, Eliot Hill, London SE13 7EH (081-852 1457). Kidsline is on 071-222 8070.*



They went that way: Nicky Henson with his sons Kenton, aged five, and Christian, 20



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WEEKEND BREAK

In the golf shoes of the great

Cliveden offers a lordly welcome and much more than just a round of golf

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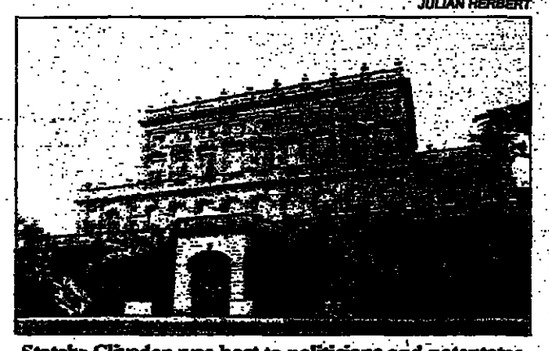
After spending a frustrating and frosty winter's afternoon hacking round the golf course, there can be few more uplifting sights as a damp dusk settles in than the twinkling lights of Cliveden.

While many a nineteenth hole swills in fizzy beers, limp ham sandwiches and a sea of monogrammed turtle necks, the former stately home of the Astors offers more subtle delights. Cosseted, claret glass in hand in front of one of the house's vast roaring fires under an oak panelled ceiling, it became easy for my brother John and me quickly to forget a round which would tax the most powerful supercomputer.

Indeed, surrounded by oil paintings, including one by John Singer Sargent of the formidable Nancy Astor in a strikingly haughty pose, it is almost possible to believe one has entered a time machine.

Could the approaching footfall be that of the novelist Henry James, prime minister Sir Winston Churchill, or another of the house's former famous guests, stopping by for a quick natter and a peanut?

The earls of Buckingham, Sutherland and Orkney may have long departed and the Astor family may have handed the place to the National Trust, but Cliveden has escaped becoming a stuffy museum piece where visitors can merely gaze at fusty furnishings and cordoned-off rooms from a long-gone age.



Stately: Cliveden was host to politicians and potentates

Under the eye of Nigel Taylor, the manager, and his staff of 100, the mansion murmurs to the quiet chat and laughter of paying guests, the swish of heavy drapes, the tinkle of decanters and clinking of coffee cups.

Heritage purists may balk at the idea of the trust allowing one of the nation's treasures to become a sumptuous 28-room hostelry, but Mr Taylor counters such views with a quote from the late Earl of Stockton, the former prime minister Harold Macmillan.

On being told by an astounded associate that Cliveden was to be turned into a hotel, the earl replied: "But, my dear boy, it always has been."

The advantage of Cliveden for a golfing weekend is its cluster of courses, including the world famous Sunningdale, many of which are an easy drive away.

The house, which is on the Berkshire-Buckinghamshire border, is also easily accessible from London, and Heathrow airport is about 15 minutes away by car. Lambourne, the nearest course and one for which Cliveden can arrange green fees, is about three miles away, down country lanes.

Unlike many such new ventures, which invariably sport pigmy trees and shrubs, Lambourne has mature trees and hedges. The fairways may still await the careful testing of time, but the course designer has carved out stylish tees, elegant greens and fiendish water hazards. A makeshift clubhouse has been erected, but Bon Newman, Lambourne's director of golf, says a new, elegant building will be ready early this year.

Clearly not everyone is beating a path to Cliveden merely for a weekend round of golf. The guest book reveals that many visitors are apparently Americans or honeymooners with more than 1st pitch and putt on their mind.

For such gusts there are romantic walks, including strolls in the 375-acre grounds among Roman sarcophagi, terrapin-adorned fountain, rose garden and memorial garden.

Downstairs at Cliveden, Waldo's restaurant offers a candlelit, bistro-style atmosphere and a recently awarded Michelin star. The food is *nouvelle* but its contrasts neatly with the meats, which have a gamey, English flavour.

There is an outdoor swimming pool, as well as squash and indoor tennis facilities. Cliveden's stable block has been turned into an exercise centre, bristling with about £40,000 of high-tech rowing, running and fitness machines.

The hotel is keen to bury its former reputation as an awayday for would-be lords and ladies and be very rich. Mr Taylor says they now offer a special night rate of £155 per person. This assumes a minimum two-night stay but includes dinner, house wine and full use of sporting and leisure facilities.

For those unaccustomed to hand-and-foot service, the attentiveness of the staff can also require some behavioural adjustments. Trying to speed away to meet the tee-off time, my brother appeared to be straining to carry his bag to the car. A quick glance revealed that he was carrying along not only his luggage but also one of the porters, determined fully to meet his job description.

NICK NUTTALL



Nick Nuttall in action

Where to be at tee time

- **Hotels with or near 9 and 18-hole golf courses. Some have special winter, weekend and golf-break rates. Courses may require handicap certificate from a club. Prices are standard rates.**
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American tanks destroy Somali warlord's arms dump

■ The marines have finally attacked Mogadishu's bandits. The action signals their willingness to be more active in future

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

AMERICAN forces yesterday launched their biggest attack on armed militias since they arrived in Somalia a month ago, firing anti-tank rockets and machine guns into an armoury held by General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, southern Somalia's main warlord.

The American assault began on Wednesday night when the American-led forces said that marines surrounded some warehouses and warned the militiamen that they would be attacked at dawn if they did not surrender. When the hour came American snipers saw a group of Somalis with an anti-aircraft gun and shot them. Soon after, the gunmen launched heavy volleys of machinegun fire at Cobra AH1 helicopters hovering overhead. The Americans responded by launching anti-tank missiles and bursts from their more powerful 20mm machine guns.

In an attempt to scare the Somalis into the open, psy-ops (psychological operations) soldiers shouted warnings in Somali over loudspeakers. "You have five minutes to get out or you will be burnt," the message said.

The attack on the compound came after a series of brazen sniper attempts on the marines' positions and amid increasing criticism from aid workers in the Somali capital that the security situation had deteriorated since the arrival of the American-led task force on December 9.

American forces used M-1 tanks for the first time in combat during yesterday's assault. They laid down covering fire for about 400 marines who swept through the network of warehouses and captured tanks, heavy artillery pieces and a dozen four-wheel-drive battle wagons known locally as technicals.



"We hit them with a firestorm," Major General Charles Wilhelm, commander of the 1st Marine Division, said after the 20-minute battle yesterday. He said the assault was ordered after it was determined that sniper fire was coming from two areas to which General Aidid's forces had agreed to move weapons after Operation Restore Hope began in a deal struck with Robert Oakley, the American special envoy to Somalia.

Marines said that the compound appeared to be leaderless but the gunmen fired anti-aircraft guns and lighter weapons on infantry as well as at the Cobra helicopters.

The display of firepower by the Americans is an important change in their operational policy in Somalia and was a fulfilment of a commitment Washington made earlier this week to "get tough" with the bandit elements that are the root cause of the famine in Somalia which has taken 350,000 lives in the past year.

General Aidid was attending peace talks sponsored by the United Nations in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, yesterday at which a group allied with his main rival, Ali Mahdi Muhammad, who controls north Mogadishu, called for the complete disarmament of the country.

Ali Mahdi, a putative interim president, has long called for military intervention in Somalia as much to boost his own legitimacy as in recognition of the need to separate the warring factions. His part of Mogadishu remains the most lawless area in the country and foreign troops have yet to penetrate the area effectively.

At least 13 Somali gunmen were taken prisoner during the attack on General Aidid's compound, but Major General Wilhelm said that he did not know how many had died nor how many had originally been there. A marine was injured during the assault by "friendly fire". While troops were attacking the two arsenals, a Care relief lorry in south Mogadishu was fired on and hijacked by bandits, Mark Thomas, for the relief agency, said. The two Somali occupants were wounded.

Although Washington officials and local military commanders have said that they did not want American troops to get involved in policing Somalia and that they hoped that the task force would be replaced by a more permanent UN peacekeeping operation in a few months, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, and relief agencies have insisted that the Americans should expand their mandate to include the total disarmament of the country.

The multinational troops have previously refrained from large-scale confiscations of arms from the militias, but yesterday's operation signalled that from now on they are likely to be more active. In recent weeks local Somalis, children as much as gunmen, have enjoyed pushing marines as far as they could, sure in the knowledge that they were unlikely to be punished.

Earlier this week Lieutenant Colonel Fred Peck, a marines spokesmen, said that attempts to steal from soldiers on patrol and even from armoured vehicles had started to increase. He said that after a meeting with representatives of General Aidid's clan they had appeared to be contrite over the failure of their men to surrender the armoury. "They were an ill disciplined lot, that was the excuse offered. We are expecting them to keep control over their own men," the colonel said.

At the Addis Ababa meeting, some Somali faction leaders said last night they feared General Aidid's militias might respond by firing on American troops in an attempt to provoke a general crackdown on all militias. The groups that issued the disarmament call are loosely aligned with Ali Mahdi. General Aidid's refusal to agree on a date for a full peace conference has blocked progress at the talks.

Conference sources in Addis Ababa said that General Aidid's supporters appeared set against attending a full peace conference before issues such as who would control what territory were solved. The general also demands a ceasefire and restoration of security across the country before peace talks, but his opponents say that would allow him to consolidate his control over areas his forces have captured.



Prisoners' lot: gunmen sitting handcuffed after being arrested by US Marines who stormed an armoury compound in Mogadishu yesterday



Owada: took months to change her mind

Prince was rejected first time

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

CROWN Prince Naruhito was rejected when he proposed to Masako Owada, 29, a diplomat, beside a wild goose pond and it took her nearly three months to change her mind, the *Yomiuri Shimbun* reported yesterday.

"I am extremely glad," Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, said of the engagement between the prince and Miss Owada, daughter of a vice foreign minister, although the official announcement has yet to be made.

Crown Prince Naruhito, 32, and Miss Owada first met in October 1986. Last October, the two spent an afternoon alone by the pond. As the sun set, Miss Owada hinted that she might reject the prince. The Owada family rejected him on October 23.

She finally accepted him on December 29. The wedding is expected in May.

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Angola forces claim fall of rebels' supply centre

BY SAM KILEY

FIGHTING between Angolan government forces and the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) continued yesterday in the southern cities of Benguela and Lobito, and government forces launched an offensive on rebel positions in Cuito in the central highlands.

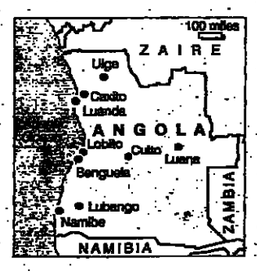
Diplomatic and military sources in the Angolan capital, Luanda, said yesterday that 1,000 people had been killed in the south in two days of heavy fighting. A Western diplomat said: "There is also a major punch-up going on right now in Cuito, but the government have not said much about that — either because things are not going their way, or because of bad communications. We know it has been a large-scale battle and government tanks may have been involved, along with the aircraft which have been in evidence elsewhere."

Although Jonas Savimbi, the leader of Unita, was criticised for pulling out of Angola's first multiparty elections after losing to President dos Santos in the first round of the presidential race last September, much of the blame for the recent upsurge in fighting has been laid on the government.

One senior diplomat said that "most quarters believe this is a planned counter attack by the government".

There has been fighting in at least 12 cities across the country since the weekend and yesterday the government's media claimed that its forces had captured the Unita stronghold of Lobito. Should this be confirmed it will be a serious blow to Unita which receives much of its supplies through Lobito's port and by road through Lubango, which fell to government soldiers earlier in the week.

Margaret Anstee, head of the United Nations mission to Angola, said yesterday that she was trying to bring both sides back to the negotiating table. "This is not yet a civil war but very near the verge," said Miss Anstee. Dr Savimbi and Mr dos Santos have signalled that they would be prepared to meet to discuss a ceasefire but few diplomats thought this likely. One said: "The problem is that neither side is prepared to trust one another and whenever they get close to meeting, the hatred of 16 years of civil war bubbles to the surface and we are sent back into a vicious circle of violence."



The Angolan civil war officially came to an end in May 1991 when Soviet and Cuban aid to the once Marxist government of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola dried up and American and South African backing for Unita fell away. The country enjoyed 18 months of relative peace that ended soon after September's elections. Unita said the polls had been rigged, but the UN certified them as free and fair.

Luanda was quiet yesterday — government action against Unita removed them from the capital last October — but the government claimed to have recaptured Caxito, 40 miles north of the capital, and Ndalatando to the east.

The government's offensive on these towns as well as Uige in the far north, and towns such as Namibe on the Namibian border, represents the army's attempts to regain ground lost after the election, when Unita seized 70 per cent of the country.

Military sources said yesterday that as both sides were overextended and there were no signs of either side being resupplied, a stalemate was inevitable. One UN official said: "The depressing thing is that they will probably go on for a year while thousands of Angolans are killed and maimed, and then will have to get back to the negotiating table after they have bled themselves dry."

The UN mandate in Angola expires at the end of this month and Boutros Boutros Ghali, the secretary-general, would need the agreement of both sides to extend its operation. Although diplomats said yesterday that they would like to see armed UN intervention to prevent Angola sliding into Somalia-style chaos, Dr Boutros Ghali has made his frustration with Angola's leaders clear. "He probably will try to extend the mandate but his patience is running out. It's a pity the victims of this civil war won't be the perpetrators but the innocent," said a Western ambassador.

UN envoy courts Sihanouk in Peking

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN HONG KONG

Yasushi Akashi, head of the United Nations peace effort in Cambodia, is a man noted for his sensitivity. He will need all his diplomatic charm when he meets Prince Norodom Sihanouk in Peking to persuade the former monarch to return to Cambodia and help the ailing peace effort from degenerating into renewed war.

The prince has been in China since November, both for medical treatment and to escape the frustration of UN-brokered negotiations between the four factions that signed the 1991 Paris peace agreements. He is chairman of a council linking the factions, but has decided to stop co-operating with the UN Transitional Authority (Untac) in Cambodia.

The former monarch, 70, is a touchy man sensitive about his status, but he is also the only man with sufficient authority and acceptance by older factions and the international community to make the tortuous process work. Prince Sihanouk said his reason for severing ties with Untac was that it was unable to stop violence against opposition parties in Cambodia. Nine members of Funcipec, the party led by his son, Prince Ranariddh, have been killed. Not only is the Khmer Rouge not participating in the process, the costliest undertaken by the UN, it has also refused to disarm and has attacked UN personnel.

The Phnom Penh government set up by the invading Vietnamese in early 1979 has been perpetrating human rights abuses against the two non-communist factions which will participate in elections scheduled for May. Almost five million people have now registered to vote in the election.

Diplomats see the situation as serious but not desperate. The fighting is part of a low-intensity war, with skirmishes and shelling rather than set-piece battles. The upsurge of fighting at the start of the dry season is an annual ritual and is in only four of Cambodia's 21 provinces. Envoys say the Khmer Rouge is not nearly as strong as many believe, and lacks popular support. At the same time, its potential long-term threat should not be dismissed. Mr Akashi said this week of the fighting: "Our best assessment is that it will not become a serious nationwide offensive. We feel neither side has the capacity to organise such an operation."

The Khmer Rouge has until January 31 to join the process leading to elections. Diplomats believe that they might participate at the last moment. Otherwise they risk being marginalised. Asked if the peace process could succeed without the prince's co-operation, Mr Akashi diplomatically responded: "Certainly not. I think we need Prince Sihanouk very much."

□ Kuala Lumpur: Chuan Leekpai, the Thai prime minister, told Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the prime minister of Malaysia, that Thailand will urge the Khmer Rouge and other factions to rejoin the peace process.

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John Charmley is sitting back and enjoying the fun as the academic world works itself into a frenzy over his revisionist biography of Churchill

The man who rewrote history

CARL GLASSMAN



Sticking to his guns: John Charmley "a Bunterish figure in spectacles and bow tie: garrulous and thoroughly chuffed by all the fuss"

In the small town of Fulton, Missouri, Winston Churchill remains an idol. His statue is jovial. Ever since he came here with Harry S. Truman, playing poker on the presidential train, to deliver his "Iron Curtain" speech in 1946, Fulton has dedicated itself as a Churchill memorial, its Westminster College becoming a world centre for Churchilliana.

Yet it is here that John Charmley, the latest revisionist historian to question Churchill's achievement, is to be found. He arrived last summer as the first visiting British professor — and gave his first lecture "Churchill: The End of Glory", the title of his book which this week caused so much squabbling among the history men. "They brought me here, only to find they have a viper in their bosom," chortles Dr Charmley with a loud guffaw. He is a bulky, Bunterish figure of 37 in spectacles and bow tie: puppyishly tail-wagging, garrulous and thoroughly chuffed by all the fuss.

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



He calls people "old thing" and swears "By Jove!" and nobody would imagine that he was brought up in a Birkenhead council flat, the eldest son of a docker and a bingo hall bar manageress. His brothers in Birkenhead are a bricklayer and a window cleaner. He was "the black sheep" who bought the family its first ever book (on Lord Nelson, 2s 6d, when aged five) passed the 11-plus, and won a history scholarship to Oxford, where he expunged all trace of northern vowels, found the Bodleian to be heaven on earth, and gained a First.

Far from wishing to lynch Dr Charmley, his Fulton hosts are thrilled to hear the faxes hum with world-wide publicity for their iconoclastic professor. Nothing can dent the rampant Anglophilia of this remarkable middle American town, pop. 10,000, named after Robert Fulton who invented the steamboat. It is a throwback to the 1950s with a main street, two banks, half-a-dozen churches, verandahs still garlanded with Christmas wreaths, and hardly any crime.

The most extraordinary part of the Churchill memorial is that the Wren church of St Mary Aldermanbury, damaged in the war and due for demolition, was rescued and brought to Fulton, stone by 4,000 stones, and reconstructed to stand no longer hemmed in by Love Lane in the City of London, but white and proud against the blue expanse of the Missouri sky. Lawrence Davidson, a former president of Westminster College, raised the necessary £3 million from public subscriptions, and now in the church's vestry Dr Charmley, an Anglican convert from Methodism, has been given an office in which to muse on matters Churchillian.

Such is his blithe and easy nature, he is not at all dismayed that some commentaries on his book (eg Professor Norman Stone's in *The Guardian*) read as if Alan Clark and not Dr Charmley were the author. Mr Clark, the former defence minister, wrote approvingly of the Charmley thesis in *The Times* last Saturday and in the ensuing debate about whether Churchill might have dealt differently with Hitler he has been featured as prominently as Dr C.

"Well, as Ronald Reagan said, there is nothing you can't do if you don't mind who gets the credit," says Dr Charmley, as irrepressible as Mr Joram in David Copperfield. "If people want to throw my ideas around, that's fine by me. Historians don't own ideas."

He had not set out to be deliberately revisionist anyway. He began — like his hero among historians, A.J.P. Taylor — with a straightforward question: what do we mean by regarding the second world war as a success? "If it was fought to save Poland's independence it failed. If it was fought to keep totalitarianism out of Europe it failed. If it was fought to keep Britain an independent power it failed."

It has of course been pointed out that, since he was born in 1955, he could not possibly judge the mood of the country on the receiving end of Churchill's oratory. "But I do give him credit for his great speeches, which move me as much as they moved everyone. I don't think he was merely the lion's roar. At that time people were confused, dejected, traumatised, upset. If they had had Lord Halifax telling them it was necessary to talk peace, I don't think they would have torn him down but what did they get instead? This romantic reactionary telling them impossible things, things that made them into heroes. He appealed to that desire which Dr Johnson identified — that every man thinks the worse of himself for never having been a soldier. So for 1940 Churchill was the essential man." By 1941 we were in "a mess we should never have got into, and needed someone who did not see everything in black and white. That was Churchill's defect — when we all know most things are in murky shades of grey."

His only memory of Churchill is of the state funeral when he was nine. "My grandmother, a working-class Tory, spoke of Mr Churchill in the same voice she kept for the Lord God Almighty. He had won the war and saved England. I grew up with the conventional Churchill-as-god, and there matters rested until I read Robert Rhodes James, his most perceptive biographer. And when I was researching my biographies of Duff Cooper and Lord Lloyd, the picture that emerged did not fit the Churchill I had inherited."

So he found himself deconstructing the "sanitised mythology" using primary sources. "Eden's diaries, one of the new sources available to me, are full of comments about Churchill being waffly and long-winded, despite what he said in his memoirs about him being wonderful."

Dr Charmley is not the first to deconstruct. He points out that even Mary Soames's excellent biography of her mother Clementine makes it perfectly plain that the saintly lady could have saved her husband from many headstrong impulses, had he heeded her acute political advice. The fortunate Dr Charmley says he has found his own Clemmie in Lorraine, the wife who organised his life and fended off distractions so that he could write his 649-page book in six months last year. His first wife lives in Norfolk in a converted inn with their three sons — the twins Gervase and Gerard, who are 13 today, and Kit, nearly four.

He is an insomniac workaholic — the Americans would call him hyper — who punctuates his conversation with orotundity, laughter and asides of "God bless him/her", enthusiastic and sociable, which all makes him fit admirably into the friendly, if quieter, Fulton community. After June he will return to the University of East Anglia where he normally lectures at a stipend of £22,000 a year, though he adds that his books — this is his fifth — do make money.

He expects to be unpopular among fellow historians, historians being what they are, and he does evince some dismay that Alan Bullock calls his work "counterfactual". As for Martin Gilbert's wounded comments, he retorts: "I defy anyone to find Martin expressing an opinion anywhere in his five million words of following Churchill minute by minute through each day, the great unreadable Churchill encyclopaedia, read only by people like me. No, I am sorry. Martin does express an opinion in volume eight around page 105, where he opines that Churchill's 'Gestapo' election broadcast in 1945 might have been a mistake. One qualified and critical comment, you could have knocked me down with a feather. How can you rewrite Churchill's history using only Churchill's own eyes?

"I'm an old-fashioned Cleopatra's nose historian — if her nose had been a different shape, Caesar and Mark Antony would not have fallen for her, and history would have been different. Churchill's single-mindedness, inability to appreciate others' feelings — where did it start? In the heart-rending letters sent to his mother from school.

History would be hard work if it wasn't so much fun. I don't believe that history is a high priestly mystery." For the record, responding to the controversy of the past week, Dr Charmley never says that a treaty with Hitler himself would have worked. "But Churchill could have followed a line of diplomacy that would have detached Hitler from his chieftains — we did it with Admiral Darlan in the North Africa campaign and saved thousands of Allied lives, and we dealt with the fascist Marshal Badoglio when we invaded Italy. These were both perfectly sensible strategies. Why didn't we pursue that strategy with the biggest evil of all?

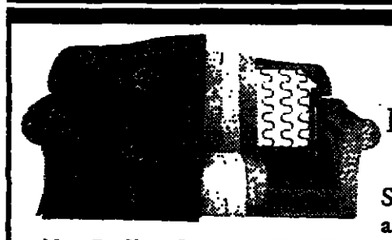
"And people like Martin Gilbert say 'what about the Jews?' Well, why just the Jews? What about the liberals and trade unionists and homosexuals who were in the concentration camps? When my critics say I'm using arguments from hindsight, nobody in 1939 was saying we should go to war for the Jews. The real Holocaust only really got underway in 1943-4 when the Germans were losing. And while we're on moral high ground, what about the people in Stalin's concentration camps? Were they not worth dying for?"

Afterwards there were no sunlit uplands but a darkling plain, "where ignorant armies clash by night". "Churchill's leadership was inspiring, but in the end it was barren, it led nowhere." Next to the Wren church and the Belsky statue of Churchill in Fulton there is another more strikingly incongruous memorial — a piece of the graffiti-covered Berlin wall, with human shapes hewn out of it by Churchill's granddaughter, the artist Edwina Sandys. A 20th-century symbol on the site of the Iron Curtain speech — the kind of graphic history that not even the most assiduous academic can rewrite.

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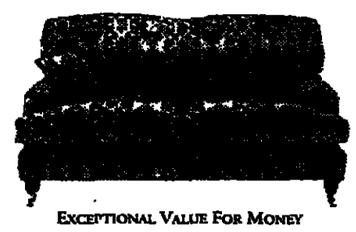
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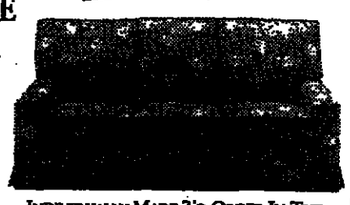
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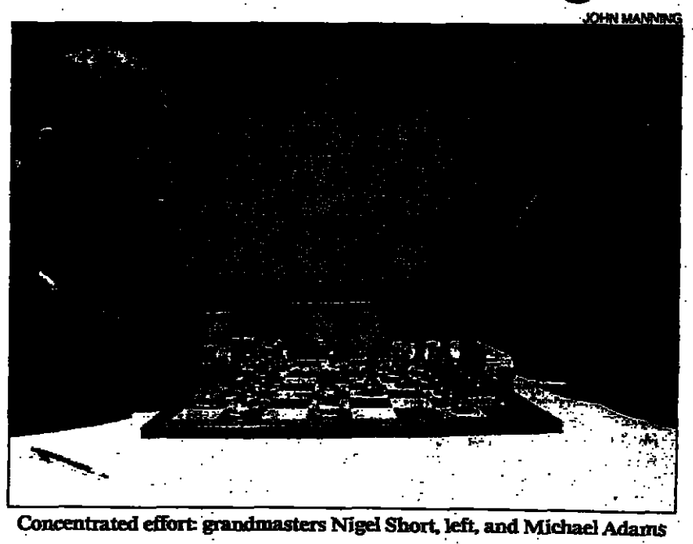
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This weekend, Britain's top chess player plays for unknown riches

Short's millionaire gambit

JOHN MANNING



Concentrated effort: grandmasters Nigel Short, left, and Michael Adams

This Sunday is D-Day for Nigel Short, Britain's strongest ever chess grandmaster. Short will begin his challenge to the Dutch champion, Jan Timman, and if he beats Timman, he will then play the world champion Gary Kasparov for his title this summer. He will also almost certainly become Britain's first chess millionaire.

Even if Short were to lose to Kasparov, he should receive about £1.25 million as his share of the purse, and can expect to secure lucrative merchandising deals. If Short loses to Timman, he will receive about £50,000.

The reason for the huge potential purse for the world championship can be found in two words: Bobby Fischer.

When the American played his comeback match in the former Yugoslavia last autumn, against Boris Spassky, the man he beat to take the world title 20 years before, he received £195,000 for each game that he won. Fischer's overall prize from the match, for winning ten games, was nearly £2.25 million. Spassky carried off £1 million.

The 1992 Fischer-Spassky match was not sanctioned by FIDE, the world chess federation. As a result, an outraged Florencio Campomanes, the president of FIDE, has insisted that the prize purse for the official championship must come to at least £3.3 million, a world record.

A venue and sponsors must be found before February 8, FIDE already having rejected Los Angeles and Toronto. If Short eliminates Timman and suitable sponsors can be found, London will be a strong contender to stage the match. That would also augment Short's "bankability", both because he would have the "home advantage" and because it would raise his profile in his native country, enabling him to sell products branded with his own name.

Kasparov, the champion, has led the way in self-marketing. He has a London agent and has struck lucrative deals with endorsements around the world of chess sets, computers and diskettes. If Short defeats Timman, he will certainly be inundated by such offers himself, with Mark McCormack's International Management Group — the agency which usually manages top golfers and tennis players — already said to be interested.

All this is a long way from the days when Wilhelm Steinitz, the first world champion, was buried in a pauper's grave in New York in 1900. Following Steinitz, Xavielly Tartakower and David Janowsky, two of the most imaginative chess spirits of the first decades of the 20th century, lived out a peripatetic existence from hotel rooms across Europe. When they did strike gold in a tournament, the nearest casino regularly gobbled their profits. It was not by chance that many chess tournament sponsors were casino owners.

The bridge between such Bohemian romantics and Mark McCormack is Fischer. When he played Spassky for the official world title in Reykjavik in 1972, Fischer demanded, and got, a £100,000 prize fund. Fischer squandered his winnings on donations to religious groups and for much of the next two decades, he existed on the charity of friends in a stark Pasadena basement. But Fischer's world championship victory — the first by a non-Russian for 35 years — opened the way for hard currency purses. This was the signal that grandmasters from the West to come, such as Short and Michael Adams (a 21-year-old who in two tournaments last year beat some of the world's best players to earn £80,000 in prize money), could earn vast sums by reaching the pinnacle of chess.

But below the stratospheric level of championship prizes, an economic battle is taking place between western grandmasters and the many former Soviets who are suddenly emerging on to the international scene after the collapse of the Soviet Union and subsequent abolition of restrictive travel practices for its citizens. At the Hastings tournament, for instance, the director, Stewart Reuben says that, "there are now 140 players in the 'B' group at Hastings, where the first prize is £1,000. Of that 140, ten per cent are Russians. Ten years ago, there would have been 50 players in this tournament, with the likelihood that there would have been no Russians present at all.

Even with a comparatively small prize fund, the value of hard currency in the former Soviet Union is such that players can live well there by participating in the European "B" events.

Meanwhile, many western grandmasters are feeling the pinch of competition from the liberated intellectual forces of the former Soviet republics. William Watson, who persevered for five years to earn his grandmaster title and qualified for the English Olympiad team in 1990, has returned to law studies.

As he and many others have remarked, it can be dispiriting to arrive for a tournament which one had previously won comfortably only to discover coach loads of higher-ranked Russians, Ukrainians, Latvians, Lithuanians and Estonians disgorging their heavyweight intellectual cargo on one's front doorstep.

Chess can furnish amazing riches. But how does one tell if a child has the requisite spark of genius for the game and the determination to persevere to become a champion? The pattern of almost all successful grandmasters and champions is that they learn the game very young, by six at the latest, and simultaneously display impressive powers of concentration. Luke McShane, an 8½-year-old, has already won the under-ten world championship and become the world's youngest master. Luke is already capable of earning hundreds of pounds whenever he is successful competing against adults. So, if you have a three-year-old who plays chess and can concentrate, you may have the next chess millionaire on your hands.

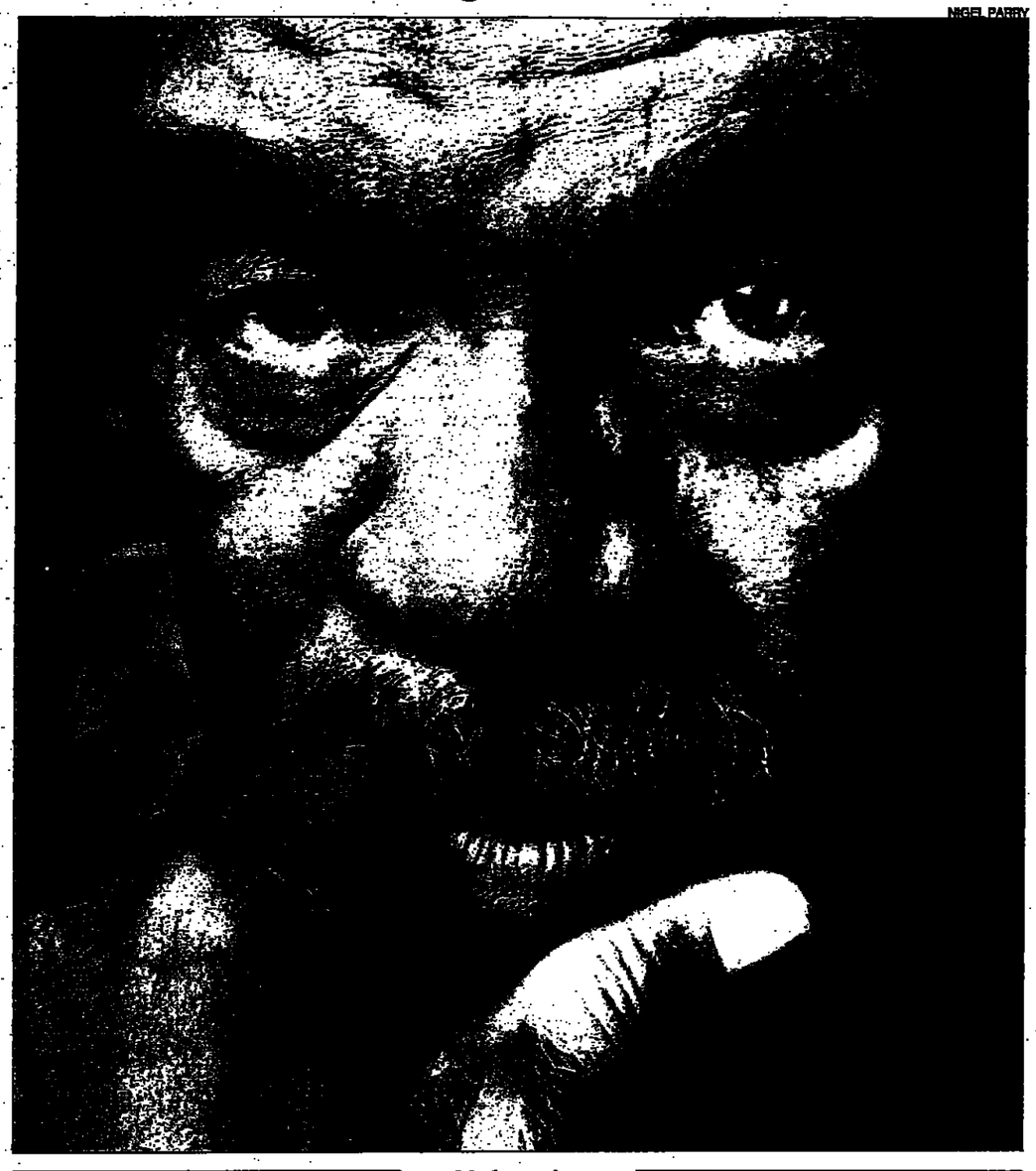
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With both rhyme and reason

Daniel Johnson examines the new school literature anthology and advises now read on


NIGEL PARRY

Literature is something about which honest men and women will disagree. Examining children on their serious reading is — always has been — a pretty arbitrary affair, as difficult as it is important to get right. The brouhaha about the School Examinations and Assessment Council's (SEAC) anthology of texts for exams in Eng. Lit. does not mean that the whole idea of teaching children to read good books, otherwise known as classics, was a bad one. Just the reverse: parents, teachers and politicians are exercised about what, if anything, our children should read. That, at least, is unequivocally a good thing.

SEAC's slim pamphlet is certainly imperfect, and has been predictably whistled off the stage by several men and women of letters. A leading article in yesterday's *Evening Standard* (which many schoolboys or girls might well identify by its baroque style as the work of that newspaper's literary editor, A.N. Wilson) called on John Patten, the education secretary, to make an act of contrition for "this rag-bag of mutilated texts" by "burning the anthology in a public place". The poet and novelist Michèle Roberts reckoned that four women from a list of 19 was too few (she has a point about quality, if not quantity: was Doris Lessing really preferable to Jane Austen and George Eliot?).

Everybody has a little list of writers who ought to have been included, or better samples of those who are. At the back of some critics' minds may be the thought: why am *I* not on the list? Why should Michèle Roberts be passed over in favour of Patricia Pogson or even Elizabeth Jennings, neither of whom has had a novel on the Booker shortlist? Why should Anthony Thwaite, say, be preferred to A. N. Wilson, who is more famous and even more ubiquitous? Perish the thought that any living writer should harbour envy for the fortunate few who are chosen, still less avarice; but I can imagine publishers casting an eye down the list and calculating how many extra copies the authors on it will sell.

Much more weight should be attached to the criticisms of those who have to teach these texts — and by that I mean classroom teachers, not union officials. Nothing is harder than teaching literature properly (certainly not writing newspaper articles), but by limiting the field which must be covered to just over 40 pages, the authorities are at least meeting halfway those teachers who have complained of an excessive workload. I trust that the chairman of SEAC's English subject committee, John Marenbon, and the rest of his team will take careful soundings among teachers in order to improve the anthology for next year. But almost all the members of SEAC's committee are schoolteachers or academics: a fair cross-section of the profession, in fact.

What of the texts themselves? The selection is recognisably the product of a hydra-headed committee with various constituencies to placate. It reads a bit like the guests at a celestial writers' conference.

There are Norman MacCaig and Andrew Young representing the Scots; here are Dylan Thomas and R. S. Thomas for the Welsh; West Indians have a poem by Derek Walcott and a story by Samuel Selvon. Middle English weighs in with a chunk of Chaucer's Prologue (plus translation to satisfy the modernists). While classicists have an episode from Johnson's *Rasselas*, romantics may feast on Blake, Wordsworth (Dorothy as well as William) and Keats, while Victorians have Clare and Browning. Laurie Lee's *Cider with Rosie*, that classroom standby, is in; so are two older stalwarts, *David Copperfield* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

Presiding over them all is Shakespeare, nodding to potential truants with his whining schoolboy creeping like a snail unwillingly to school, and appealing to the teenager tired of life with the richly embroidered pessimism of Sonnet 73.

If there is a common theme, it is the relationship between youth and age, children and parents — noon and evening, as Johnson has it, or spring and autumn, as in Keats. This thread is carefully thought out, and suggests a guiding hand behind the choice of texts, if not of authors. My guess is that the hand belongs to Dr Marenbon, who is often jeered as some dryasdust "traditionalist", but is in fact a brilliant young Cambridge don who is more sensitive to literary texts than most of his critics.

Such a reading list would not be a bad start for a foreigner wishing to acquire some inkling of English literature; it goes without saying that such a handful of gobbets is quite insufficient for an educated person who may leave school after GCSE. The anthology only makes sense as the final stage in a process of inculcating literary judgment, taste and discernment over several years. The context in which the final examinations take place is more important than which texts are studied for it.

A school in which culture prevails over anarchy will know how to treat this booklet: one in which teachers set an example by reading widely and sharing the fruits of their reading, in which books for the school library are given the highest priority in allocating the annual budget, in which the intellectual life is constantly held up as a model to be admired.

Exams are vile things, but they are necessary and they must be rigorous in order to be fair. For the purpose of discovering whether a child has learned to read carefully and to understand what he or she has read, the number and length of these texts is immaterial. All that matters is that each of them be rich enough in layers of meaning and wide enough in frame of reference to bear extended discussion in class and private reflection.

Most of these texts meet those requirements — that is, they are *teachable*. Derek Walcott's moving poem "The Young Wife", for instance, would be a marvellous opportunity to encourage children who have lost parents to talk about their experiences. The Larkin poem, "Cut Grass", may not be one of his best, but has obviously been included so that teachers can compare it with two other poems, A. S. J. Tessimond's "A Hot Day" and Edward Thomas's "Adlestrop", which treat the theme of high summer quite differently.

A good English teacher should even be able to exploit the faults of this unpretentious anthology to show pupils how to make intelligent, constructive criticisms. The challenge, in any case, cannot be shirked. Those who are talking of boycotts should calm down, get hold of the pamphlet and start reading.

From *The Young Wife* by Derek Walcott

Make all your sorrow neat.
Plump pillows, soothe the corners
of her favourite coverlet.
Write to her mourners.

At dusk, after the office,
travel an armchair's ridge,
the valley of the shadow in the sofas,
the drapes' dead foliage.

Ah, but the mirror — the mirror
which you believe has seen
the traitor you feel you are —
clouds, though you wipe it clean!

The buds on the wallpaper
do not shake at the muffled sobbing
the children must not hear,
or the drawers you dare not open.

Modern voice: Derek Walcott's "The Young Wife" will encourage children who have lost parents to talk about their experiences

From *Yesterday* by Patricia Pogson

It seems only yesterday
I balanced a tiny foot
on my palm
and marvelled
that anything
so perfect
could be so small.
Now I can fit my hand in
when I clean your shoes.

I can remember
when I was centred
round you
feeling your feet
strong and determined
testing the strength
of my rib cage
your hard heels
distorting my belly.

Topping the soul charts

The contemporary hymn writer who has turned his back on a fortune

In the religious pick of the pops Graham Kendrick has come in at number six. He is the most successful of Britain's praise and worship songwriters, and his composition "Shine, Jesus, Shine" has just ousted the Women's Institute anthem, "Jerusalem", from the Top Ten hymn chart compiled by the BBC1 programme, *Songs of Praise*.

The chart, based in a poll of viewers and released this week, shows Mr Kendrick up there with golden oldies such as Charles Wesley "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" and Isaac Watts "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross".

More than half a million people in Britain sing Mr Kendrick's songs every Sunday. Many, many more sing them abroad. Songbooks including his work sell in millions, and in the past decade he has sold well over a quarter of a million records.

Theoretically Mr Kendrick, the son of a Baptist pastor, could become the hymn-writing world's first millionaire. In fact he will not, because he takes only a monthly salary from his own publishing company, Make Way Music, and has set up a charitable trust to handle royalty payments, which in any case are seldom forthcoming from mass markets overseas where translations are unofficial and the publishing infrastructure not yet formalised.

Mr Kendrick says he does not mind. "Making money was not the object in the first place." The true goal he describes as being "to write songs which will equip Christians of whatever denomination to worship".

Though his work is best known in this country on the charismatic wing of the evangelical movement, Mr Kendrick is an interdenominational artist. Born and raised a Baptist, he spent eight years in the Anglican church, married in a Methodist chapel, and now worships with an independent free church, the Ichthus Christian Fellowship, in southeast London.

He is also a co-ordinator of the interdenominational Marches for Jesus, for which many of his songs have been written. These marches, Mr Kendrick says, are "joyful, postive movements of masses of people celebrating their faith". There were 55,000 marchers in London in 1988, 70,000 in Berlin last year, the biggest single gathering from the 600,000 people who took to the streets on the same day across Europe and America. This June the organisers hope to have 80 nations involved.

Mr Kendrick is a self-taught musician whose work had its origins in the do-it-yourself pop and folk song era of the 1960s. He played guitar with a group from his Baptist youth club, for which he began to write songs.



'Each generation has to find its own expression of faith'

GRAHAM KENDRICK

He continued writing while at teacher training college. "Originally my songs were written without thought of publication, but they began to get around on the grapevine and were taken up by a publishing company."

He composes in bursts. "I start with an idea, a flash of inspiration, perhaps a word or a line which I have heard from someone preaching. After the initial inspiration I tend to be very methodical, making draft after draft, it is a laborious process."

Charles Wesley wrote 6,500 hymns, of which a dozen or so survive in popular use. "I have a long way to go to equal that", Mr Kendrick says. So far, he estimates, he may have turned out 300 songs.

His love of contemporary music does not prevent him from enjoying the old favourites that share the *Songs of Praise* top ten. The chart toppers are "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", "The Day Thou Gavest Lord Has Ended", and "The Old Rugged Cross".

"People try to cast me as an opponent of traditional hymns, but it is not true", Mr Kendrick says. "I was brought up with them. I value and enjoy them." His personal fave raves would include Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", Wesley's "O for a Thousand Tongues" and Matthew Bridges' "Crown Him with Many Crowns".

"The church is put into the the world, not to live on its past history but to make history," Mr Kendrick says. "To me that means each generation has to find its own contemporary expression of faith. Of course while traditionalists see me as a dangerous radical, there are doubtless younger people who are already saying that I am past it."

ROBIN YOUNG

Could do better, say today's authors

Too much about the countryside, too many men and too many whites

John Patten, the education secretary, has said the English anthology showed that the SEAC was reacting to criticism. Today there was some more criticism. Michèle Roberts, the poet and novelist, says: "There is a lot of work on rural experience, but not enough showing urban experience and therefore not pertinent to city children — and most children today are city children.

"If the extracts had focused on sex, comedy, tragedy, horror and violence, there would be more chance of them appealing to 14-year-olds."

For Ms Roberts, who pointed out how outnumbered women and black writers were, the the anthology was too careful, and ultimately, stodgy and banal.

Carol Ann Duffy, who as well as being a popular poet has edited an anthology aimed at teenagers — *I Wouldn't Thank You for a Valentine* (Kestrel) — did not find this selection for 14-year-olds memorable.

"It is so white and male, that everyone will ignore it, and it will lead to more generations of non-readers," she says. "While adults find it easy to take pleasure in the classics, children need to be excited. A piece of writing should be so vivid for them that they should want it as much as a new CD."

Ms Duffy, 37, believes that, with teenagers, we should start with the writing of today and go backwards — that way they will see the relevance of writing to how people live. She points to the importance of the Liverpool poets' *Mersysound* anthology to her generation, and condemns the contemporary poetry choice in the anthology as scandalous.

Christopher Reid, the poetry editor at Faber & Faber, who also works as an editor of children's books including those aimed at the teenage market, says that the last thing he looks for in a children's book is education. He looked for something exciting. "What good children's writers do, how they shock and show things that are part of growing up, is probably something education cannot handle."

Simon Mundy, the director of the National Campaign for the Arts believes that, "This is precisely the area that government should not get into. What it is there to do is to provide the widest possible experience of literature, and to enable children to have a framework to make their own choices."

This anthology, Mr Mundy thought, went further than that. "Government should not dictate what children should and should not know as part of their aesthetic make-up — this is for teachers, parents and the children themselves. This is getting into matters of taste and historical legitimacy which are not the business of government."

I took down my dusty Collector's Wordsworth and tried to imagine myself in front of an inner-city class of 14-year-olds on a Friday afternoon, reading "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" to them. No chance. The people I spoke to would love to see the anthology advisers try something so unrealistic.

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Blue-stocking princess

Joanna Pitman on the ordeal facing Japan's future empress

Japan is rejoicing. At last Crown Prince Naruhito, the 32-year-old heir to the Chrysanthemum Throne has found himself a bride. Masako Owada, a 29-year-old of impeccable pedigree and exemplary discretion, is being wholeheartedly embraced as Japan's next empress.

She is an exceptionally brave woman. She spent two years enjoying the freedom to cavort as an undergraduate of Oxford University and developing a taste for a racy social life in America. On entering the rarified life behind the formidable stone walls of the imperial palace in Tokyo, she will be required to sacrifice immense personal liberties and live under restraints of a severity that Princess Diana could only have envisioned in her worst nightmares.

It will be a life of stifling Victorian respectability for one so well educated and cosmopolitan in her outlook. Her every public movement will be strictly circumscribed by the Imperial Household Agency, the august body of elderly aristocrats whose task it is to maintain the veil of mystery that shrouds Japan's imperial family. She will have to learn to live with poison tasters, and with the teams of specialists who reputedly inspect the imperial stools every morning and night. She will emerge from her isolation only to smile silently and demurely at ceremonial occasions, always positioned three or four paces behind the crown prince. And she will be permitted to say nothing publicly that has not been vetted.

> It will be a life of stifling Victorian values for a brave, modern woman

It will be Ms Owada's bounden duty to bear the next heir to the throne. Sage commentators, who have been polishing their speeches for ten years, have begun to pronounce for the television viewing public that this could not be a more auspicious match, and her old school chums have been hauled before the cameras to inform Japan that their future empress's favourite food is avocado ice cream.

The nation is united in support of the prince's choice. Ever since he stated at a rare press conference five years ago that he planned to marry by the age of 30, and then failed to meet his self-imposed deadline, the public has agonised in sympathy for "Naruchan" as he is fondly known, over what appeared to be a fruitless search.

The household agency long rued the day that they allowed the prince to make an unscripted public statement of such a disastrously personal nature. Official bridal search parties were instantly dispatched to scour the nation for suitable candidates and then had to answer to parliamentary committees on their failure to produce a princess.

But the crown prince remained a dark horse. In person he is a charming man, chatty and relaxed and given to delightful flashes of humour. It was, I suspect, an early piece of mischief-making that lead him to display a brief passion for film star Brooke Shields when he was a student at Merton College, Oxford in 1983. Ms Shields used to beam down upon him from a wall-poster as he sat at his desk studying the water transport systems of the 18th century, and when the voluptuous Hollywood star arrived for an after dark liaison at the crown prince's residence not long ago, pulses were set racing in the fossilised ranks of the bridal selection department of the Imperial Household Agency.

The horrifying notion that the crown prince might entertain amorous inclinations towards an American prompted the agency to tighten its already strict criteria for candidacy. Now a future princess has been found and, remarkably, she fits the criteria admirably. She is younger and shorter than the prince, who stands five foot four in his socks. She is bilingual in English, and hails from a distinguished family with honourable diplomatic connections. She is a virgin and has not, in agency parlance, "disfigured herself", which is taken to mean that she has not had her ears pierced.

One can only hope that Ms Owada has given the marriage sufficient thought. Her future mother-in-law, Empress Michiko, who as the daughter of a wealthy and aristocratic soy-sauce brewer, became the first commoner to marry into the Japanese imperial family, went through well-documented agonies learning to live a new life under orders from the agency. And many of the potential candidates for marriage to Naruhito who were named by the Japanese press (there have been 72) refused to contemplate imprisonment within the imperial family for this reason.

One feisty character disqualified herself successfully by punching a particularly intrusive reporter on the nose in front of a camera man, and another deftly safeguarded her liberty by having her ears pierced.

But Miss Owada has perhaps calculated that the Imperial Household Agency will be forced, albeit slowly, to loosen its grip and that the slow erosion of its power, that began immediately after the war, will continue. The current Emperor Akihito seems to have made a popular start in his four-year-old reign, introducing all manner of small democratic touches such as having his motor cavalcade stop at red traffic lights alongside other mortals. And the crown prince himself has made imperial history by having the first direct telephone line installed in the palace, allowing him to put through calls himself without the help of one of the agency minders.

The crown prince, being an Oxford graduate himself and something of a man of the world, will no doubt do his best to ease Ms Owada's entry into the imperial family. But for the marriage to be a success, the onus really rests upon the old men at the Imperial Household Agency to allow her reasonable freedoms. The lessons may already have been learnt from the catastrophes that have beset our own royal family.

A tale of two house parties as the Tories gather at Chevening and Chequers

A weekend brainstorm

David Willetts on how ministers can freshen up policies

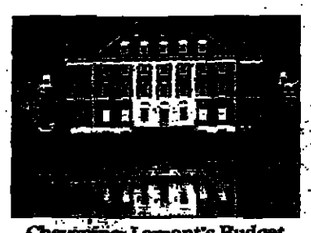
John Major wishes to draw a line under 1992 and make a fresh start in 1993. His meeting with his advisers at Chequers this weekend is welcome evidence of that. But what began as an end-of-year stocktaking is in danger of being seen as the launch of an entirely new strategy. The pundits are suddenly looking for new visions of conservatism with all the intensity of a baroque saint. But there is no new vision of conservatism to seek — the themes of opportunity, choice and ownership remain as crucial now as they ever were.

That does not mean the Chequers meeting is unimportant. For a start, it signals a new attention inside Downing Street to domestic politics. There are enormous pressures on any prime minister to spend more and more time on foreign affairs, pressures which the European presidency reinforced. I remember once delicately suggesting to Margaret Thatcher that she might visit one or two more hospitals and see fewer foreign ministers. She replied, as if explaining why she had to invite the neighbours round to dinner, that she had visited their country last year and now it was our turn to entertain them. The policy unit, with its brief in domestic politics, can counteract such forces. It would be marvellous if every meeting with a foreign dignitary were matched with a visit to a school, a job centre, or a factory.

The most important domestic issue is, as always, the economy. The discussions at Chequers therefore need to be tied in with the Chancellor's meeting with his advisers at Chevening. There are now good prospects for recovery in 1993 but it would be dangerous if expectations started running ahead of reality. Growth is at best going to be modest. Unemployment will still be rising. The weekend's meetings are an opportunity to decide on the right note to strike when talking about the economy in the months ahead.

The meeting is above all an opportunity to look at how individual departmental policies measure up to those wider themes of opportunity and ownership. One example is housing. There seems to be renewed interest in reviving the private rented sector and this certainly makes economic sense. But any such initiative must not cut across the government's clear commitment to home ownership which is a widespread popular aspiration even after years of falling house prices.

One of the strengths of the policy unit is that it can look across the work of several departments and see the connections. Throughout the public sector, for example, the government is establishing internal markets in which purchasers such as health authorities or local authorities buy services at arm's length from public or private providers. It would be a valuable exercise to look at some of those contracts. How often is the consumer of the service referred to? Is the purchaser trying to specify in excessive detail how the job should be done and not just what the output should be? Is the public sector learning the new skill of sensible buying? At the same time the public providers such as hospitals and schools should be enjoying much greater freedom to run their own affairs than ever before. How is this working out in practice? Is there still an itch in Whitehall to intervene? How many unnecessary instructions are still going out to hospitals and schools?



Chevening: Lamont's Budget

One of Whitehall's weaknesses is a tendency to give much more attention to the formulation of new policy than to the implementation of policies already launched. The highest officials will get involved in drafting a white paper or a new ministerial announcement but what happens after that is often left to remarkably junior officials. Again the policy unit can counteract this by asking how previous initiatives are working out in practice. How are training and enterprise councils performing - are they focusing on the hard cases or creaming off for training people who might have been receiving it anyway? What has happened to previous initiatives to make parents take greater responsibility for crimes committed by their children? What progress is being made on private finance for public projects following the announcement in the autumn statement?

The challenge is to make the whole greater than the sum of its parts. One of the paradoxes of this government is that it is consensual and collegiate. Yet at the same time there is a host of bold individual departmental initiatives which are not linked together in the public mind as part of a wider strategy. Kenneth Clarke is looking at the performance of the police much more rigorously than ever before. Virginia Bottomley is grasping the nettle of London health care. John Patten is fighting for a common-sense national curriculum. Peter Lilley is at last getting to grips with social security fraud. Bringing these various initiatives together as part of a wider political strategy is essential for political success in 1993.

The author, Conservative MP for Havant, was a member of Mrs Thatcher's policy unit, 1984-6.



Pondering the government's future: the Chancellor and the prime minister summon their officials

Snookering Whitehall

The central player will be missing, says Peter Riddell

This weekend's two house parties are inextricably interlinked. The discussions at Chequers about government policy for the rest of the parliament depend on the chancellor and his advisers taking the right decisions about macroeconomic policy at Chevening. But the annual pre-budget meeting of the top Treasury team will in turn be influenced by the political strategy adopted by the prime minister.

John Major is the absent guest at Chevening whom all present will be thinking about. Like all prime ministers, and particularly his predecessor, Mr Major takes seriously his title as First Lord of the Treasury. He has supported Norman Lamont remaining as Chancellor, but that does not mean that the Treasury has a free hand over the Budget.

The prime minister knows that getting economic policy right is crucial to rebuilding his political fortunes. He underlined that last October when he, rather than Mr Lamont, announced the shift of emphasis in economic policy towards the self-proclaimed strategy for growth. He wants to repeat that now with a Budget which helps industry and assists recovery. Mr Major and his advisers have been heard referring proprietorially to their Budget. They will have a crucial input into Mr Lamont's decisions.

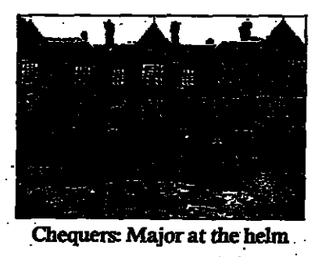
The Chevening meeting involves a preliminary discussion of Budget options. This weekend's talks, like similar such gatherings, are mainly intended to clarify thinking. Final decisions will not be taken for several weeks until after the Treasury produces its up-to-date forecasts and the new "wise men" panel of seven outside economists offers its varying views.

The idea of having such a weekend away from the distractions of Whitehall was inaugurated by the then Sir Geoffrey Howe in 1982, though the aim of quiet rumination has not always been achieved. On one occasion Lord Lawson had to dash away to a meeting on an exchange-rate mechanism realignment, and in January 1975 deliberations were interrupted by Sunday newspaper stories that the government was prepared to let the already weak pound fall as far as the currency markets were prepared to push it.

These reports were inspired by a briefing by Sir Bernard Ingham, then Downing Street spokesman. Lord Lawson notes that the "Ingham story was the end of all hopes of a reflective weekend on the Budget". Interest rates had to be raised by 1½ points on the Monday, following a one point rise the previous Friday. Mr Lamont should have a quieter weekend.

The meeting is normally attended by the full team of Treasury ministers, their special advisers, the permanent secretary, the second permanent secretaries (including the chief economic adviser), the chairmen of the Inland Revenue and the Customs and Excise and a very few other officials.

The weekend also features a variety of social events attended by wives. Over the years, these have included charades and a traditional snooker match between ministers and officials. Nigel Lawson describes the event in his *The View from Number 11* as having a distinct air of gentlemen versus players as officials took the whole thing very seriously. On the first occasion, however, the ministers won, beating Sir Peter Middleton and Sir Terence Burns, the then permanent secretary and the current one. Lord Lawson records that, "the two mandarins took care that such a perverse result did not occur again.



Chequers: Major at the helm

setting aside time for intensive practice at the Reform Club, the favourite watering-hole of the senior civil service, grand in scale and austere in character, with a name that appears to satisfy their modest appetite for change."

This year's discussions will be different. Mr Lamont spent less time than he would have liked before Christmas thinking about the Budget. More important, 1993 will be the year of two full Budgets, one in March and the second in December. This is the result of the introduction from December of the first unified Budget. This will combine the usual public spending decisions announced each year in the autumn statement and changes in taxes previously disclosed in the spring Budget.

The changeover is also likely to affect decisions about the March Budget. Mr Lamont will be considering a two-stage strategy, not just proposals for March but also for December. This approach is reinforced by the state of the economy. Several signs have appeared over the past two weeks that the recession is ending. Sales of new cars shot up in December and spending in the winter sales has been strong. Although eager to boost consumer and business confidence and to suggest that this year will be much better than 1992, the Treasury does not want to take the recovery for granted. Ministers accept that growth may not accelerate until later in the year and in 1994.

The prospect of a fragile short-term pick-up constrains decisions over the most serious budgetary difficulty in the medium-term, the soaring level of public sector borrowing (PSBR). Differences of what Whitehall officials like to call "emphasis" are already apparent between Mr Major and the Treasury. This is not just an arcane dispute about desired levels of public sector debt. How seriously you take the problem determines how much remedial action is necessary, and hence when, and whether, taxes have to be raised.

Mr Major said on Sunday that the difficulty of dealing with the high PSBR was overestimated. He argued that, since around two-thirds of current borrowing was cyclical to do with the recession, the underlying deficit was not all that much higher than the previous target of around 1 per cent of national income. Many outside economists regard that as too optimistic and believe the core deficit is much higher and will require more drastic action. In his interview last week with *The Times*, Mr Lamont laid much greater stress on tackling the size of the PSBR over the medium-term. Officials are genuinely uncertain about the size of the underlying deficit, but the Treasury and the Bank of England are worried that signs of complacency will worry the markets.

The snag is that ministers believe there is little room to cut public spending in view of the existing tight plans for 1994 and later. That leaves taxes. The government has to find £700 million to offset the abolition of special car tax and may raise duties on petrol, drinks and tobacco by more than the inflation rate. But the prime minister is seen in Whitehall as being strongly opposed to any substantial rise in taxes in the spring Budget, for fear of jeopardising the recovery.

Treasury ministers may not dissent in the short-term, and decisions about how to deal with the PSBR may be deferred until the December Budget. That, anyway, is when the Chancellor would announce any increase in employee National Insurance contributions, a backdoor form of income tax. That may also be when there is any extension of the base of Value Added Tax. Lord Lawson announced what he described as "disappointingly limited" extensions in 1984. At the last minute he was persuaded by Margaret Thatcher to drop a proposed extension of VAT to newspapers and magazines. They may not be so fortunate again.

As the now Lord Howe of Aberavon warned yesterday, taxes may have to be raised "sooner rather than later". The answer from Chevening, and Chequers, will probably be "not yet".

Ideas that dried up

EVEN as a student Norman Lamont, who today presides over a pre-Budget summit meeting at Chevening, had his mind set firmly on free enterprise. But his proposals for reviving the British economy are unlikely to include a long-forgotten idea from his university days — selling tea towels to American tourists.

According to contemporaries, Lamont, who was president of the Union at Cambridge in 1966, was determined to repeat the experience of the late Laura Ashley, who started her business printing tea towels on the kitchen table of her home in Wales.

Lamont, they say, attended a board meeting of the Cambridge newspaper *Varsity*, held in the home of Betty Menkes, the mother of Suzy, now the fashion editor of *The International Herald Tribune*. After the meeting, the future chancellor sought the views of Mrs Menkes about marketing tea towels, complete with pictures of London, for America.

Mrs Menkes recalls the discussion in the newsletter of the Hampstead-based Burgh House community centre. "We were shouting out ideas about colour combinations such as peach and grey," she writes.

Suzy Menkes, the first woman editor of *Varsity*, recalls the occasion. "It was the great era of Laura Ashley. He obviously saw the idea as a green shoot of opportunity."

Lamont insists there was no such proposal. A spokesman says: "It has never crossed the Chancellor's mind, seriously or otherwise, to become a tea towel salesman." Not yet anyway.

Sign of the times

GIVEN that the Start 2 disarmament treaty should result in the scrapping of two-thirds of the world's nuclear arsenal, its signatories used the most appropriate of writing implements — pens bearing a symbol made from scrapped Pershing and SS20 missiles.

The "world memorial pens" used by George Bush and Boris Yeltsin in Moscow were manufactured by Parker using weapons scrapped under previous treaties. They have been sold around the world for the late Lord Cheshire's World Memorial Fund for Disaster Relief.

Cheshire hit on the idea in Moscow in 1989 when he discussed setting up the Soviet Union's first Leonard Cheshire home. Aware of its shortage of hard cash, the Kremlin suggested the metal. The Americans, not to be outdone, came up with a similar offer.

Date to bank on

AS IF the Bank of England did not have enough to worry about in trying to find a replacement for Robin Leigh-Pemberton, it now appears that a mole inside the organisation is attempting to scupper the Bank's plans for its tercentenary.

A mysterious letter in the staff journal suggests that the chaps in the Bank may have got their sums wrong. Supposedly from a professor Juliana Shapiro of Missouri, the letter suggests that the Bank has failed to allow for the change to the Gregorian calendar in 1752, and hence the true tercentenary falls on August 7, 1994, rather than July 27, 1994, the date it intends to celebrate. "The letter purporting to be from Professor Shapiro is a spoof," says a spokeswoman for the Bank. "We know who wrote it and no, there is no great support for changing the date." Would that the same could be said for changing the governor.

● *You know times are hard when Oxford colleges start cancelling dinners to save money. Queen's College has just announced the reason for cancelling its Needle and Thread Gaudy, due to have takenplace on New Year's day. The gaudy takes the form of a three-course dinner for honorary fellows and newly appointed heads of other colleges. Tradition holds that during dinner the bursar pins a brightly coloured piece of thread to each guest's bosom with the words, "take this and be thrifty". "This year," says Gautry, "we have invited them to put this advice into practice."*



Dead certainty

ERIC SYKES, the comedian, had a distinctly unsettling start to 1993, thanks to an incorrect news agency report that was picked up by the Diary (January 2).

The item reported that the Dead Comics Society had paid Sykes the compliment of mounting a plaque on his house. This came as something of a surprise to Sykes, who is alive and well.

"I am the only dead comic to be so honoured and have the privilege of being able to read it for myself," he says. Our sincere apologies to Mr Sykes and belated wishes for a happy new year.

The Dead Comics Society was as bewildered as Sykes by the news. David Graham, its founder, says the society's next plaque will honour Frankie Howerd, followed by one commemorating Benny Hill. Graham says: "We very much hope that Eric will join us for Frankie Howerd's ceremony."



Richards reigns again

● At 33, the cricket career of Rudy Richards is finally starting to catch up with that of his older cousin Viv, the former West Indies captain. He has just been appointed captain of his cricket club, Chalvington and Ripe in Sussex, which he believes to be the oldest in England.

Richards, seen here with groundsman Stan Peters, moved to England from Antigua three years ago with his wife and two young children, and is delighted to be made captain. "Last season I was always talking to the captain during matches. That must have helped me." As a teenager he held out hopes for an international career, but then he "fell in love, got married and had kids".

Although he refuses to compare his batting style with that of his cousin, Rudy has already brought one skill to the team. He is a decorator and painted the club pavilion . . . but that has nothing, he insists, to do with his selection.

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LITTLE DICTATOR

Saddam needs a sharp reminder of the power confronting him

Saddam Hussein's dismissal of the latest allied ultimatum should come as no surprise. The Iraqi dictator has had much pleasure and some profit out of the months he has spent goading the United Nations and the allied coalition enforcing the Gulf ceasefire. He finds his pleasure because every act of defiance celebrates his continuing grip on power. He wins profit because every time he humiliates UN weapons inspectors, sabotages relief convoys or orders mass arrests and torture of his domestic opponents in defiance of UN resolution 688, he demonstrates to Iraqis and Iraq's neighbours the limits, short of using force, of international pressure.

Saddam may move the missile batteries just north of the 32nd parallel before the deadline expires today. That will not solve the larger question about Iraqi compliance with its international obligations. In response to an earlier violation of the air exclusion zone in southern Iraq, the Americans shot down one of Saddam's precious 200 remaining fighters on December 27. If signal this was, it was treated with contempt. Saddam continued the banned Iraqi flights and then moved in surface-to-air missiles. Yesterday, Iraq not only refused point-blank to comply with the allied ultimatum to withdraw these missiles from southern Iraq, but asserted that it intends to continue "training and patrol missions" in the air exclusion zone south of the 32nd parallel.

On Iraq's Army Day on Wednesday Saddam deliberately invoked the Mother of All Battles, which rational observers might assume most Iraqis would prefer to forget. His cousin and defence minister, General Ali Hassan al-Majid, further announced that the Iraqi army was ready to "liberate" northern and southern Iraq, zones under allied protection. Unless the southern air exclusion zone is effectively enforced, the safe havens in the north — already vulnerable as a result of the weak Western and UN response to Baghdad's economic blockade and its bombing of relief convoys — will lose what credibility they still have.

The allies have warned Iraq that it must move the missiles by 2230 GMT today or face serious consequences. The warning has the added weight of Russian backing: the Russian envoy to the UN joined America, Britain and France to hand over Wednesday's ultimatum. To destroy the missiles might seem the proportionate response to a real but minor threat to allied aircraft. It would be derided in Baghdad as a flea-bite.

Western governments should hardly need reminding by now that the only symbolic gestures that Saddam values are his own. This time — without using a hammer to crack a walnut — the folly of continued defiance must be brought home categorically to Saddam and his generals. That means taking action north of the 32nd parallel, to attack the source of trouble.

The allies — for it is politically important that French and British aircraft should be used as well as American — have no need to deploy more than a fraction of the airpower available to them, nor should they. Saddam should not be given the gratification of trumpeting to the world that the West needs 100 aircraft to eliminate a few antiquated anti-aircraft batteries. All that is needed, in the first instance, is a quick precision attack to eliminate the batteries, disable Iraqi radar in the area, and inflict severe damage on Iraq's capacity to violate the exclusion zone. The main target should be the Al Jarrah airbase, just southeast of Baghdad, from which most sorties have been flown and from which the batteries were deployed.

Saddam has calculated that the Western democracies, ever wary of over-reaction, will keep force to a minimum, reacting, but not in a manner that would render the costs of his game of political attrition intolerable. His retreats in the face of periodic allied ultimatums over the past 22 months have been tactical. His confidence has been reinforced by the high rate of political mortality among the British, French and American leaders of the coalition that forced him from Kuwait. He believes that the West will eventually tire of keeping him within bounds. Saddam has again miscalculated, but he must be seen by the world to have done so. A sharp shock is needed. Iraq's actions fully warrant it. There could be no better time to underline the international community's resolve than in the assumed twilight of the transition period between one American presidency and the next.

IRISH MIST

The punt should leave the ERM and shadow sterling

The probable survival of Fianna Fáil as the main party of government in the Republic of Ireland, and possibly of Albert Reynolds as prime minister, makes a mockery of the Irish electorate. Having forced the republic to the ballot box in the first place by foolishly insulting his Progressive Democrat partners, Mr Reynolds then steered Fianna Fáil to its worst result since 1927. The taoiseach's obstinate defence of the punt's position in the exchange-rate mechanism — which forced overnight interest rates up to 100 per cent last night — defies economic reality and offers scant hope to the unemployed, who now account for almost a quarter of the Irish work-force. Yet when the Dáil reconvenes next week Mr Reynolds may still be at its helm, in partnership with Dick Spring's Labour, which doubled its representation. The "Albert factor" was meant to spell doom for Fianna Fáil but, in practice, has helped it cling to power.

In spite of the republic's urgent need for strong management, the parties have spent a record six weeks cobbling together a new pact, which will be formally ratified this weekend. After all the talk of watersheds and milestones, the youthful Irish electorate may find the omens uninspiring. Early last month, the inclusion of Fine Gael and the PD in the proposed "rainbow coalition" held out some hope of restraint in public spending, imaginative private-sector solutions for the economy and an improvement in Anglo-Irish relations.

Instead, the political spoils will almost certainly be shared by two high-spending parties, relying on ever-increasing EC handouts to fund their spending sprees. Labour, which has demanded six out of 15 cabinet seats, is strongly opposed to privatisation, and campaigned for an increase in public borrowing of at least £350 million. Before the election, Mr Reynolds scorned Mr Spring's taxation plans. Now, to retain Labour support, the taoiseach must commit himself to an interventionist programme that the Republic cannot afford. The coalition's plans for three new ministries betray an appetite for big government.

As prospective foreign secretary, Mr Spring will promote a more pragmatic attitude to Northern Ireland, and may even lobby to end Ireland's constitutional claim to the north. Yet Fianna Fáil, the party founded by Eamon de Valera in opposition to the Anglo-Irish Treaty, is unlikely to shed its old livery so easily, as it struggles to preserve some ideological coherence. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, may find little to cheer him in the new alignment.

The priority of the new government should be a drastic cut in interest rates. National hubris has nurtured absurdly high expectations of the punt, which was even touted at one stage as a petro-currency. Such delusions were not even shattered by Black Wednesday, which added 20 per cent to the cost of exports to Britain, still the foundation of the Irish economy. Whoever is taoiseach next week should at least allow the punt to devalue. A more radical solution would be to leave the ERM and shadow sterling, permitting the necessary interest rate cuts. This, rather than artificial job creation schemes, would be a realistic basis for the regeneration Ireland so plainly needs.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Alarm about the government's English anthology is unjustified

The new anthology of readings to accompany English testing for 14-year-olds has been greeted with predictable outrage from teachers' spokesmen. The objections come on two grounds. One is the content of the list itself; the other is the principle of government intervention in the subject matter of education. Looking at this thin, inoffensive document, in which are contained 19 very short literary extracts, it is difficult to imagine why it should be the cause of so much grief.

The first line of objection is difficult to maintain. No two academics, English teachers, or even educated laymen are ever likely to agree on a definitive list of ideal reading. But this offering of Chaucer, Shakespeare, Keats, and Dickens, among the classics, through Wilde, Larkin and Laurie Lee, up to Derek Walcott, is hardly controversial. The most frequent criticism has been that the selection is conservative, favouring traditional works over contemporary authors with whom children can most easily identify. A basic literary education must be weighted toward the classics. If it is not, it is neither basic nor literary.

There is a stronger case for saying that it is wrong for government to prescribe the detailed content of education. Politicians (or their politically sympathetic appointees) are not the best people to choose book lists, still less to arbitrate the minutiae of syllabuses. There is bound to be an unsavoury hint of totalitarianism about any government that seeks to control what happens in the classroom. But claims by teaching unions that the government is aiming at intellectual uniformity are absurdly exaggerated. Alarm among parents and public about what was and was not being taught in schools has become pervasive. The most that Conservative reforms are attempting to establish is a return to some reasonable minimum of accepted learning.

The furore over this anthology might be justified if it were a single complete reading list for children of 14. In fact, it is intended to be only a small part of the English programme and to ensure that all children get at least a taste of these recommended authors. The teaching lobby has largely brought this dose of corrective interference upon itself. Once the Government has injected some sensible guidelines into the curriculum, it ought to be able to withdraw from this contentious arena. This anthology is welcome. May it also be the last of its kind.

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Trident warhead policy review

From Dr Stephen Pullinger

Sir, The time is now right for Britain to review its warhead policy for Trident (report, January 5) for the following reasons:

1. The original decision to deploy up to 128 warheads per Trident boat was taken in the early 1980s, during the Cold war, when Moscow was the nerve centre of a communist tyranny. Since then, communism has been broken, the USSR has disintegrated and the Warsaw pact has collapsed. The rationale for targeting Moscow is much weaker than it was.
2. The challenge that SDI (strategic defence initiative), and latterly GPALS (global protection against limited strikes), potentially posed to Trident's credibility, appears to have diminished in light of Bill Clinton's election. He has expressed his intention to reduce SDI funding and to support continued adherence to the ABM (anti-ballistic missile) treaty. Likewise, President Yeltsin has stated his allegiance to that treaty.
3. The political climate has changed. We are entering an era when proliferation is the major nuclear challenge facing Britain and the rest of the world. Our imperative should be to uphold, strengthen and widen the membership of the non-proliferation treaty. To improve our chances of achieving that we must take our treaty obligations seriously, by not increasing warhead numbers and by entering the Start (strategic arms reduction treaty) process.

Britain enjoys a privileged position as a nuclear weapon state. It should not lay itself open to the charge of abusing that privilege by expanding its strategic arsenal beyond what is necessary, and regardless of its treaty obligations.

Yours faithfully,
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January 5.

From Air Commodore Alastair Mackie

Sir, Almost everybody will welcome the prospective reduction of the American and Russian nuclear arsenals and what it may eventually do to establish "a zone of security ... from Vancouver ... to Vladivostok", as your leader (January 4) describes it.

But not quite everybody. Britain bucks the trend. Instead of trying to "leave aside its insular preoccupations" this country, for the narrowest nationalistic reasons, is increasing its so-called independent nuclear deterrent fourfold by replacing Polaris with Trident. And so far from adjusting "its policies, and its military doctrines, to deal with ... nationalist firestorms", Britain continues to propagate the worst long-term incendiary agent of all — nuclear proliferation.

Our "political chimera" of defence isn't even European: it's Little England. This condemns us not just to a year but to decades of "insularity, weakness and wasted time".

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR MACKIE
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January 4.

Churchill's resolve

From Mrs Sylvia Disley

Sir, I was surprised that none of your correspondents (January 5, 7) has mentioned the one piece of history which those who lived through the second world war knew was at the root of Churchill's resolve to fight until the total defeat of Germany. That was the Armistice at the end of the first world war, which paved the way for Germany to re-arm.

I fear we have done the same again in the Gulf and that as a result we may not have seen the last of Saddam Hussein, said to be an admirer of the former German dictator.

Yours faithfully,
SYLVIA DISLEY,
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Upper Sunbury Road,
Hampton, Middlesex.

Mental illness and the community

From Ms Mary O'Hagan

Sir, I am sad to see that Virginia Bottomley is responding coercively to the plight of people with mental health problems (report, January 4). Her proposed community treatment orders would extend psychiatric coercion, which already exists in institutions, into the community.

Most, if not all, compulsory treatment is just a cage at the bottom of the cliff: people with ongoing mental health problems are subjected to ineffective and unresponsive services, low income, lack of housing, unemployment, lack of support and friendship and chronically low self-esteem.

Putting a cage at the bottom of this precarious cliff is not the answer or even part of it. As a mental health service user myself, I know that responsive services which respected my autonomy and acceptance from wider society had a far more therapeutic effect on me than the coercion, neglect and abuse that has stalked "mad" people for centuries.

Virginia Bottomley, when she considers the recent incident at London zoo, needs to be reminded that society and the mental health system are often the real lions that maul our well-being and personal power. Community treatment orders would make matters worse.

Yours etc.,
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From the President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists

Sir, Your leader, "Care for the vulnerable" (January 5), will be welcomed by the mentally ill and those who care for them, be they relatives, friends or professionals. You are correct in stating that the emptying of psychiatric hospitals took place without adequate alternative care being provided for all mentally ill people.

The majority of those who were previously long-term in-patients in psychiatric hospitals have benefited from being able to be treated at home with only brief admissions as in-patients, but there have been casualties of this system.

These include some people, mostly suffering from schizophrenia, who respond to treatment in hospital; they require continuing treatment when they are discharged from hospital but, after a variable length of time, refuse to co-operate with those providing treatment, and then deteriorate in their mental health, with potentially calamitous consequences. The Royal College of Psychiatrists has been discussing a community *supervision* order, rather than a community *treatment* order, so that it is supervision which is compulsory; if this is refused by the patient, he or she would then be readmitted to hospital compulsorily under the Mental Health Act, thus avoiding any unseemly attempt to give compulsory treatment, perhaps by injection, to an unwilling patient at home.

Improvements in the law alone are not enough for better care. More resources are required: the proportion for mental illness of the NHS hospital budget has actually decreased in recent years.

Better organisation of mental health services is also required. As one example, there are probably now an adequate number of community psychiatric nurses to look after those patients suffering from schizophrenia who live outside hospital and they are best qualified to do so; but four-fifths of people suffering from schizophrenia have no identified community psychiatric nurse. Those needy patients for whom they are best trained and equipped to provide continuing care do not now receive their help.

As well as a review of legislation, there is a need for a review of the organisation of mental health services, and also for more resources, especially to provide highly trained mental health professionals, including psychiatrists, nurses and others.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW SIMS,
President,
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January 5.

From Mr Stanley J. Blenkinsop

Sir, Surely the ultimate cause of inadequacies in the treatment of the mentally ill is widespread public indifference to mental illness. How often, for instance, does one hear of members of the royal family touring mental hospitals or similar institutions? Too many people still use the wide range of highly offensive terms for the mentally ill. Yet if they use equally offensive words from the lexicon of racism they can quite rightly face prosecution.

Oh that a fraction of the public money spent on the anti-Aids campaign was used to educate people to an understanding of mental illness. One can generally decide whether to take the risk of catching Aids; no such choice applies to mental illness.

Yours sincerely,
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January 6.

Comings and goings

From Mr Seweryn Chomet

Sir, Your letters on street meetings (December 30, January 6) reminded me of an event experienced 50 years ago. In 1942, when I was 12, I was walking along a street in the ghetto of an East European town when I noticed two Gestapo men walking towards me.

There was every reason to believe that a face-to-face encounter with them would have been literally terminal. (Oh yes, they did shoot people in the street; indeed the famous writer Bruno Schulz was shot dead only a few yards away that autumn).

Two thoughts raced through my head: if I turn and run they will shoot or (worse) give chase and catch me; or I ignore the danger, continue walking and within a couple of minutes will either know nothing or will be perfectly OK.

I therefore continued walking and, as I got closer to them, they turned right and I went on.

This "two-minute, keep-your-cool rule" has served me well ever since. It was only much later that I realised where the idea came from: it derived from the *Apologia*, in which Socrates discusses the fear of death. Who says classics are useless?

Yours gratefully,
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Literary footnote

From Mr Michael Holroyd

Sir, May I add a footnote to Daniel Johnson's "Decline and fall of the footnote" (January 2)?

Since it is against journalistic ethics to disclose the source of information, I do not know where he found out that my publisher had paid me "some £800,000 in advance" for my *Bernard Shaw*. Unfortunately he is far too generous. For this biography, which I began in 1975, Chatto & Windus has actually paid me some £300,000. I hope that this will go some way to satisfying Mr Johnson.

But he is a hard man to satisfy. He damns my fourth volume for being too "slim", my fifth volume for being too "fat", and concludes that the biography "did not sell nearly well enough". My fourth volume sold out within six months and it has proved cheaper to reprint as part of the new fifth volume than separately.

Had the 9,000 reference notes of this last volume been added in the guise of footnotes to each volume as it appeared, the price of the biography for the general reader would have been much increased.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HOLROYD,
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January 3.

Defence of TVS

From Mr James Gatward

Sir, To state that TVS's programmes "never lived up to its promises" ("TVS seeks blessed relief from decade of disaster", December 31) flies in the face of irrefutable testimony to the contrary and insults the talented staff at TVS who produced hundreds of programmes in many categories, to excellent standards.

The "Italian housewife" poster did use a British model, but to suggest that its message, obscured as it was by the smokescreen created around that action by interested parties, proved to be a "disaster" must be judged alongside the fact that through the total deregulation the poster had warned against, hard-porn channels are now receivable in the UK.

To suggest that "... Italian television stations no longer broadcast 'strip-tease shows' " and that TVS had a shareholding in SuperChannel when it was " ... proposing to screen sex comedies" is simply not true. TVS, along with ITV companies, which remained shareholders of SuperChannel at that time, all sold out to an Italian company which later decided that it would broadcast such programmes and the infamous "stripping housewives" show.

TVS was never embarrassed by that poster campaign or any other of its many lobbying activities carried out in connection with the broadcasting white paper or Bill.

The activity created by TVS in its attempts to break open the " ... cartel of the 'Big Five' ITV companies ... ", which was never a promise to anyone although it was a corporate objective, failed, not from want of effort but rather from the stubbornness of the "large" companies to agree to a simple change in their monopolistic production contracts with the IBA (Independent Broadcasting Authority). However, the government and the IBA recognised the injustice of the outdated system and changes have now been made through legislation.

Yes, there were programmes made in the early days which were not as successful as one would have hoped, but before the IBA "mid-term review" a change in programme policy had already been effected and TVS was well on the way to achieving consistent programme excellence — a fact acknowledged annually, in writing, by the IBA from the review onwards, certainly until I was fired.

At least TVS tried to expand its horizons to meet what it saw as future threats, which are now becoming reality. The fact that it fell foul of one of the most debilitating world-wide recessions in history should not be held against its strategies.

Yours faithfully,
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Linking science with engineering

From the Astronomer Royal

Sir, Mr Kenneth Gatland (letter, December 28) endorses the call by the Royal Academy of Engineering for "a national engineering council to co-ordinate government-funded research and boost industrial innovation". At a time when William Waldegrave's Office of Science and Technology is preparing its white paper on future methods of funding these areas, the academy's "call" needs careful analysis.

That industrial innovation needs boosting is self-evident and that co-ordination of research funding across a wide field is required is, of course, the objective of having a minister for science and associated staff. However, the implied separation of funding for research in engineering from that for science would not be good for either.

In a letter which you published on November 14, 1991, I referred to the interdependence of science and engineering. That argument is still valid: in space technology, the interaction between scientists and engineers is singularly strong.

In terms of research funding, the present arrangement whereby science and engineering requirements are met through the same body — the Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC) — should surely be continued.

Since no more than about 5 per cent of the UK's engineering research is funded by SERC, the remainder being covered by industry itself, it is the rather more basic parts of engineering that are covered by SERC — and these are the parts nearest to science in the main.

A significant part of the SERC engineering board's support is to university science departments; scientists contribute considerably to engineering research; and many university science graduates and PhDs join industrial concerns.

Rather than copy the German Fraunhofer institutes, which are intended to ease the flow of research knowledge into industry, such funds as are available for industrial innovation could help the new universities (ex-polytechnics) develop their infrastructures. Most have quite strong links with their local industries already and these could readily be built on and expanded.

Yours sincerely,
ARNOLD WOLFENDALE,
University of Durham,
Department of Physics,
South Road, Durham.
January 3.

Collar colours

From the Chief Executive of the Institute of Plumbing

Sir, In a recent BBC Radio 4 *World at One* interview (report, January 2) the prime minister mentioned the engineer and the plumber as examples of blue-collar workers. In his quest for a classless society perhaps Mr Major should recognise functions, drop references to the colour of collars and present an accurate picture of the engineering profession.

Chartered engineers, incorporated engineers and engineering technicians, together with those possessing engineering craft skills, act as an interdependent team in industry. Plumbing is an acknowledged part of the engineering profession.

The majority of my members work in self-employment or small businesses and have to be competent in administration as well as technical theory and practice. Collar colour is an historic irrelevance in today's society.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW WATTS,
Chief Executive and Secretary,
The Institute of Plumbing,
64 Station Lane, Hornchurch, Essex.
January 4.

No Sir, not me

From Mr Christopher Leach

Sir, Members of all parties, the lower echelons of the Palace, and the whole of the publishing world were distressed to learn that Mr Christopher Leach has refused a knighthood for his services to English literature.

A deputation left Downing Street immediately, preceded by a host of TV crews, for the writer's home in rural Cheshire. Here, the sage of Knutsford, bearing the scars of many a literary skirmish, but still defiant, declined to be interviewed. Later, Mrs Leach appeared, flanked by two gamekeepers cradling loaded twelve-bores, and read a statement:

My wife and I look forward each year to scan the honours list: it affords us much merriment in these most brutal of times. There is always one name that causes us to fall about, and when, this year, we read that it was to be Sir David Frost we simply caved in. So soon as my eyes are dry, a fresh paroxysm convulses me, and I needs must reach for another brandy. There was a time when these awards were respected, but today they are worth less than a sack of cancelled IOUs. Now, please leave me in peace. I am engaged in something much more serious: watching *That's Life!*

Letters of condolence continue to pour into Buckingham Palace, where her Majesty, like the mass of her subjects, mourns.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER LEACH,
Far Yew Tree House, Over Tabley,
Knutsford, Cheshire.
December 31.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 7: The Duke of York, Patron, this afternoon visited the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, London WC1.
Mrs Jonathan Mathias was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 7: The Prince Edward this evening attended the London Promotion Gala Reception at Madame Tussaud's, Marylebone, London NW1.
Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 7: The Princess Royal, Master, the Worshipful Company of Loriners, this morning attended a Trade Liaison and Finance Committee Meeting at Guildhall, London EC2.
Her Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Seminar on "UK Contribution to Water Supply and Sanitation in Developing Countries" at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London SW1, and was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Dr Cyril Nemeth).
Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 7: The Duke of Gloucester, President, National Association of Boys' Clubs, today received Mr Charles Rawlinson on assuming the appointment as Chairman of the Association.

Memorial service

Sir Charles Mott-Radclyffe
The Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk and Lady Mary Colman attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Charles Mott-Radclyffe held yesterday in Norwich Cathedral. The Dean of Norwich officiated, assisted by Canon Michael Perham, precentor. Mr Thomas Courtauld and Mr Edward Steel, grandsons, read the lessons and the Ven E.J.G. Ward gave an address. The Bishop of Norwich pronounced the blessing.
The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Head of the Diplomatic Service was represented by Sir Peter Marshall.

Dinner

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor entertained at dinner last night at Guildhall the Chief Commoner and Members of the Court of Common Council, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, the High Sheriff of Greater London, Mayors and leaders of the Greater London Boroughs, Aldermen, High Officers of the Corporation of London and Ward Clerks of the City of London. The Lord Mayor, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Chief Commoner spoke.

Tribology Trust

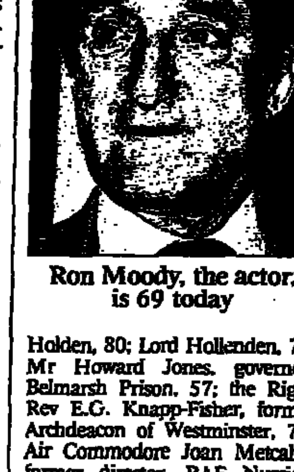
The Tribology gold medal for 1992 has been awarded to Professor Herbert S. Cheng of the Northwestern University, USA. Professor Chris Taylor of Leeds University received the silver medal and Mrs Flora de Maria Barragan de Ling of the University of Wales College of Cardiff received the bronze.

Papers donated

Stefan Heym, a German Jewish writer and activist who fled from the Nazis in 1933, has given his personal archive papers to Cambridge University Library. Mr Heym is author of *The King David Report* and *The Wandering Jew*.

Birthdays today

Miss Shirley Bassey, singer, 56; Mr David Bowie, singer and actor, 46; Mr John C. Cahill, chairman, British Aerospace, 63; Mr S.G. Cameron, former chairman, Gallaher, 69; Sir Maxwell Entwistle, former chairman, Merseyside Development Committee, 83; Professor Stephen Hawking, CH, theoretical physicist, 51; Major-General J.R. Holden, 80; Lord Hollenden, 79; Mr Howard Jones, governor, Belmarsh Prison, 57; the Right Rev E.G. Knapp-Fisher, former Archdeacon of Westminster, 78; Air Commodore Joan Metcalfe, former director, RAF Nursing Services, 70; Mr D.E. Prince, headmaster, Reed's School, Surrey, 55; Mrs I.M. Read, MEP, 54; Professor W.B. Reddaway, economist, 80; Miss Galina Ulanova, prima ballerina, 83; Mr G.H. Whalen, deputy chairman and managing-director, Peugeot Talbot Motor Company, 57; Professor A.G. Wilson, vice-chancellor, Leeds University, 54.


Ron Moody, the actor, is 69 today

Latest wills

Mr David Frederick Cock, of Great Dunmow, Essex, left estate valued at £3,145,088 net.
Diana, Viscountess Gage, of Cark, Cartmel, Cumbria, left estate valued at £269,028 net.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.B. Ashworth and Miss S.A. Jones
The engagement is announced between Marcus, only son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Ashworth, of Esher, and Sally, second daughter of Mr Peter Jones, of Guildford, and Mrs Pauline Jones, of Eardisland.

Mr C.J.S. Bird and Miss C.L. Benson
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs James Bird, of Deal, Kent, and Christina, daughter of Mr Frank Benson, of Oxted, Surrey, and Mrs Judy Benson, of Sandwich, Kent.

Mr P.L. Clarke and Miss P.J. Townsend-Green
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Brigadier and Mrs David Clarke, of Bramshill, Hampshire, and Prunella, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Townsend-Green, of Angmering-on-Sea, West Sussex.

Mr S.H. Courtney and Miss F. Yuen
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs P.H. Courtney, of Widmerpool, Nottinghamshire and Fun Elsa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Yuen, of Hong Kong.

Mr J.A. Dodds and Miss B.C.L. McMullan
The engagement is announced between Jeffrey Alan, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Dodds, of Gateshead, Co Durham, and Brigit Charlotte Louise, younger daughter of Mr Bill McMullan, of Powys, and Mrs Brigit McMullan, of Rutland.

Mr G.M.S. Ellis and Miss P.J. Bedford
The engagement is announced between Gavin Malcolm Shields, only son of Mr and Mrs Graham Ellis, of Salen, Aros, Isle of Mull, and Penelope Jayne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Bedford, of Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire.

Mr B. Hoskyns and Miss S. Hodges
The engagement is announced between Benedict, younger son of Sir John and Lady Hoskyns, of Sudbury, Suffolk, and Sally, younger daughter of Mr C. Hodges, of Dunton, Norfolk, and Mrs A. North, of Hanworth, Middlesex.

Mr P. Harlowe and Miss T. Hoskyns
The engagement is announced between Peter Harlowe (Hill), eldest son of Mrs Lilian Hill and the late Mr Maurice Hill, of Singleton, Sussex, and Tam, daughter of Sir John and Lady Hoskyns, of Sudbury, Suffolk.

Mr J.R. Hughes and Miss C.A. Schiffer
The engagement is announced between John Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Hughes, of Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire, and Corinna Anne, only daughter of Mrs Patricia Schiffer, of Wivenhoe, Essex, and Professor Reinhold Schiffer, of Bochum, Germany.

Mr A.R.T. Johnson and Miss S.M.R. Cairns
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr Antony Johnson, of Maddox, St James, Barbados, and Mrs Michael Watt, of Greens Park, Towcester, Northamptonshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Cairns, of Duncliffe, Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

Mr O.E. Laughton-Scott and Miss J.M.R. de Baer
The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of the late Judge Edward Laughton-Scott, QC, and of Lady Russell of Killowen, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr P.R. de Baer, of Barnes and Mrs C. Olding, of Ecchinswell, Newbury.

Mr C.R. Leek and Miss L.C. Higgins
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs C.C. Leek, of Claines, Worcestershire, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.M. Higgins, of Worcester.

Mr C.R.D. Owen and Miss R.M. Dresser
The engagement is announced between Roddy, elder son of Mr John Owen, of North Wraxall, and Mrs Wendy Owen, of Ramsbury, Wiltshire, and Robin, youngest daughter of Mr William Dresser, of Ponte Vedra, Florida, and Mrs Phillip Yonge, of Orange Park, Florida, USA.

Dr J. Levy and Miss A.J. Gaiman
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Mr Lester Levy and of Mrs Helen Levy, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London, and Abigail, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Gaiman, of Southsea, Hampshire.

Mr S.G.P. Martyr and Miss A.J.D. Stearns
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Major A.G. Martyr and of Mrs H.E. West, of Woodmancote, Gloucestershire, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.E.D. Stearns, of Horsell, Surrey.

Mr R.G. Payne and Miss J.M. Cobb
The engagement is announced between Richard Gilmour, son of Mr Gilmour Payne, of Holford, Somerset, and Mrs Charles Barclay, of Brent Pelham, Hertfordshire, and Julia Mary, daughter of Major and Mrs John Cobb, of Bolton-by-Bowland, Lancashire.

Mr J.D. Peplow and Miss L.A.E. Irwin
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs John Peplow, of St Brelade, Jersey, and Lotte, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gwyther Irwin, of Hillbury Road, London.

Mr C.J. Remington and Miss V.E. Ryall
The engagement is announced between Chris, son of Mr and Mrs John Remington, of Haxey, Doncaster, and Vanessa, daughter of Dr and Mrs Roger Ryall, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Captain T.J. Taylor and Miss J.M. Keanie
The engagement is announced between Captain Thomas Jeremy Taylor, Royal Engineers, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.H. Taylor, Crondall, Hampshire, and Joanna Margaret, elder daughter of Mr J.G. Keanie and Mrs C.M.W. Keanie, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire.

Mr C.J.D. Todhunter and Miss C.J. Holcroft
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Todhunter, of The Old Rectory, Farnborough, near Wantage, Oxfordshire, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr Timothy Holcroft, of Glenbeich, Lochearnhead, Perthshire, and the late Mrs Joanna Holcroft.

Mr S.E.E. Wallace and Mlle N. Micalef
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr A.J. Wallace, of Belize, and Mrs C.R.C. Wallace, of Woburn Sands, and Nathalie, daughter of M and Mme A. Micalef, of Marseilles.

Mr A.R.L. Warnock and Mrs A.J. Harding
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr A.N.L. Warnock and of the late Mrs A.P.L. Warnock, of Hoylake, Wirral, and Sally, widow of Anthony Harding, only daughter of Mr C.G. Tomkinson and of the late Mrs C.M. Tomkinson, of Prenton, Wirral.

Mr A.B.N. Williams and Mrs C.M. Birch
The engagement is announced between Benedict Williams, son of Lady Williams and the late Sir Anthony Williams, KCMG, of Salehurst, East Sussex, and Christina Birch, daughter of Alan George Tritton, of Lyons Hall, Essex, and Mrs Andrew McLaren, of Coughton Court, Warwickshire.

Mr A.D. Woodhouse and Miss C. Douglass
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr David Woodhouse, of Hong Kong, and Mrs Ruth Woodhouse, of Sandridge, Wiltshire, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Douglass, of Duntish, Dorset.

Mr M.E.C. Wrigley and Miss C.P. Rendle
The engagement is announced between Mark Edward Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Wrigley, of Ganton Hall, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, and Claire Patricia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Rendle, of Bridgetts, Widdington, Essex.

Marriage

Mr J.D.S. Longfield and Miss R.S.G. Pulvertaft
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square, between Mr James Longfield, only son of Brigadier and Mrs D.R.H. Longfield, of Downton, Wiltshire, and Miss Rosalind Pulvertaft, second daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Pulvertaft, of Sunshine Beach, Queensland.
The bride was given away by her father and attended by Miss Belinda and Miss Sarah Pulvertaft. Mr Angus Smith was best man.
A reception was held at 108 Old Brompton Road: the toast to the bride was proposed by Rear Admiral David Pulvertaft. The honeymoon is being spent in Switzerland.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Philip Astley, theatre manager, Newcastle-under-Lyme, 1742; Alfred Wallace, naturalist, Usk, Gwent, 1823; Wilkie Collins, novelist, London, 1824; Hans von Bulow, pianist and conductor, Dresden, 1830; Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, painter, the Netherlands, 1836; John Curtin, Australian Prime Minister 1941-45, Creswick, Victoria, 1885; Solomon Bandaranaike, prime minister of Ceylon 1956-59, Colombo, 1899; Elvis Presley, singer and actor, Tupelo, Mississippi, 1935.

DEATHS: Edgar, King of Scotland reigned 1097-1107, Edinburgh Castle, 1107; Giotto, painter, Florence, 1337; Galileo Galilei, mathematician and astronomer, Arcetri, Italy, 1642; Arcangello Corelli, composer, Rome, 1713; John Baskerville, typographer and printer, London, 1775; Eli Whitney, pioneer of the cotton gin, New Haven, Connecticut, 1825; Paul Verlaine, poet, Paris, 1895; Robert Stephenson Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell, general and founder of the Boy Scouts, Nyeri, Kenya, 1941; Richard Tauber, tenor, Australia, 1948; Kurt Schwitters, painter, Little Langdale, Cumbria, 1948; Chou En-lai, premier of the People's Republic of China 1949-76, Peking, 1976.

Rationing of butter, bacon and sugar began, 1940.

General Charles de Gaulle was proclaimed President of the French Republic, 1959.

Spain ended its siege of Gibraltar and reopened the frontier, 1982.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Roger Hoare, permission to officiate, diocese Chelmsford: to be Priest-in-charge, Lambourne and Abridge w Stapleford Abbotts and Industrial Chaplain in Epping Forest Deanery, same diocese.
The Rev William Hodson, Vicar, Christ Church, Tintwistle: to be Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Weston (Chester).
The Rev Julian Hubbard, Chief Selection Secretary, Advisory Board of Ministry, Church House, Westminster: to be Vicar, St Thomas on the Bourne, Farnham (Guildford).
The Rev Michael Jefferies, formerly Curate, Pudsey (Bradford): to be Vicar, St John the Baptist, Eden Park, Beckenham (Rochester).
The Rev Stephen Keeble, Curate, St George, Headstone: to be Priest-in-charge, St George, Headstone (London).
The Rev Zotile Mbali, part-time Priest-in-charge, Church Langton, cum Tur Langton w Thorpe Langton and Stonton Wyville: to be part-time Assistant Priest, Evington St Denys, and continues as part-time Bishop's Adviser on Community Relations (Leicester).

Archaeology

British team finds 9th century church

By Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

ONE of the largest churches built in the early Middle Ages has been found by British archaeologists in Italy. Dating to the 9th century AD, the church was more than 100 yards long, only slightly smaller than St Peter's in Rome.

The discovery came during the twelfth season of excavations by the British School at Rome, at San Vicenzo al Volturno in the foothills of the Abruzzo 80 miles southeast of Rome. The monastery there was founded in 703, and rebuilt by Abbot Joshua on a huge scale in 808 with help from Charlemagne's son, Louis the Pious, but was destroyed by the Arabs in 881.

The eastern facade was found buried below later terracing, still standing 16ft high in places, and 90ft wide.

The foundation inscription was in letters of gold, some of which have been found. Its text, and the dimensions of the church, were recorded in a contemporary chronicle.

The foundations of the three western apses were also found and the length of the church established as 97 yards, although there may have been a massive ambulatory beyond the apses. Dr Richard Hodges, director of the British School, said: "It dwarfed the contemporary papal churches in Rome and was only a little shorter than the great 4th-century churches of Old St Peter's and Santa Maria Maggiore."

The church seems to have been modelled on the Carolingian imperial foundations at St Riquier in northern France, and Cologne and Fulda in Germany. "These huge churches were conceived as the St Peters of the north, designed to lay great emphasis on the power and authority of Charlemagne's regime," Dr Hodges said.

"To find such a building beyond the Carolingian frontier begs many questions: the Carolingians were probably deploying the awesome grandeur of the new ideology to win over the kingdom of Benevento."

School news

Ashford School, Kent
The Spring Term commences on Thursday, January 7. Senior School entrance examination, Scholarship examination and Music Scholarship auditions Saturday, January 30; Junior School Scholarship examination Tuesday, January 19. Sixth Form Scholarships awarded to Anne-Marie Skellett, Alison Hickman, Alexandra Bigland, Tara Orsler. Space Project Lecture February 26: *The Zoo* and *Trial by Jury* March 4, 5 and 6: *Messiah* March 20, all in Brake Hall. End of Term Friday, March 26.

St Francis' College, Letchworth
The Spring Term at St Francis' College began on Wednesday, January 6 and ends on Friday, April 2. Victoria Windle is Head Girl and her deputies are Kelly Fletcher and Eugenia Cabré. The Entrance Examinations will be held on Friday, February 5. A Dinner to launch the Diamond Jubilee Year will be held on Saturday, January 30 and the new Jubilee Room will be officially opened on Thursday, March 4. Following the reception there will be a Music Scholars' recital.

King's School, Bruton
The Easter Term at King's School, Bruton starts on Monday, January 11. Mr Richard Smyth has taken over as Headmaster, in succession to Mr Tony Beadles.

Queenswood School
The Spring Term at Queenswood School begins on Sunday, January 10, and ends on Saturday, March 27. The School Concert will be on Saturday, March 20, at 3.00pm.

Reed's School, Cobham, Surrey
Spring Term starts on January 10, with Peter Knight continuing as Captain of School and Robin Page as Captain of Hockey. Sixth Form and Continuation Scholarships will be held at the School on January 18 and 19 and 13+ Music and Art Scholarships on February 23. Open Morning will be held on January 30 and Entrance Tests on February 7. The Andrew Reed Annual Lecture will be given at the School by the Bishop of Derry on March 2. The Confirmation Service will be conducted by the Bishop of Dorking on March 23 and term ends on March 24. The Old Reedonian Dinner will be held at the School on March 26.

Wrekin College
The Lent Term began yesterday at Wrekin College. A Charity Fashion Show takes place on February 18 and 19 and the Old Wrekinian hockey matches will be played on February 20. *The Elephant Man* will be performed from March 11-13 and the Choral Society will present *The Crucifixion* in Chapel on March 17. There is an Open Day for prospective pupils and their parents on Saturday, February 27. Term ends on Wednesday, March 24.

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PERSONAL COLUMN

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Be on your guard: let no one capture your minds with hollow and delusive speculations, based on traditions of human teaching, and not on Christ.
Colossians 2: 8

BIRTHS

BRABAZON - On December 30th, to Vince and Jacqui (née Rout), a son, Samuel Francis Rout.

BROWN - On December 30th 1992, to Fiona and Steven, a son, Benjamin Thomas.

CROWHURST - On January 1st, to Tessa (née Hodge) and James, a daughter, Martha Alice, a sister for Florence and Annabel.

DAVIES - Peter Davies and Janet Brady are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Holly Elizabeth Davies 27th December 1992.

FREEMAN - On January 5th 1993 at James Paget Hospital, Gorleston, to Susan and Troy, a son Jamie Spencer, a brother to Jack and Nicholas.

HAMPTON - On Monday 4th January 1993, to Melinda (née Bridgen) and David, a son, Alexander Stuart.

IBBOTSON - On December 29th, to Julie (née Outram) and Richard, a daughter, Charlotte Amy, a sister for Emma Louise.

KEEN - On January 6th 1993, to Sally (née Johnson) and Simon, a son, Jack Robert.

LAMMING - On December 30th 1992, to Dinah (née McKenzie) and John, a daughter, Olivia Lucy.

LOCKHART - On Wednesday January 6th 1993, to Katherine (née McDowell) and John, a daughter Sophie Elizabeth, a sister for Charles.

MAHONY - On December 17th, to Sue (née Reading) and Des, a son, Michael Robert, a brother for Josie.

MOODY - On 3rd January 1993 to Jeremy and Tricia, a daughter Rosalind Loveday, sadly stillborn. Our gratitude to staff at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, for their support.

MOSELEY - On 4th January 1993, to Ros (née Bailey) and James, a son, Harry James William, a brother for George.

PITT - On Tuesday December 29th 1992, to Michelle (née Steel) and David, a daughter, Amelia Grace.

SHALLOW - On January 5th 1993, to Judith (née Hodge) and Michael, a daughter, Eleanor Katharine, a sister for Charles.

SHINGLES - On January 4th 1993, to Melanie (née Stuttaford) and Justin, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

HICKMAN:SIDDALL - The marriage took place on January 1st 1993 in Jamaica, W.I., between Richard Hickman of St Ouen, Jersey and Miss Mary Siddall of St Brelade, Jersey.

DEATHS

ALVIS - On December 29th, peacefully in Stowmarket, Constance Emily, aged 88, sadly missed by her many friends. Funeral at Ipswich Crematorium, North Chapel, on Thursday January 14th at 3.15 pm. Enquiries to Meredith Greengrass (0449) 612766.

BARTON - On January 2nd, peacefully aged 91, Robert Barton of Kensington Park Gardens. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends. Funeral at St Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Monday January 18th at 1pm followed by interment at Gunnersbury Cemetery. Flowers to Mears & Cotterill, 169 Merton Road, Wandsworth, London SW18.

BOWN - On Christmas Eve 1992, Enid, after a long life of many blessings, beloved of family and friends. Private funeral. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's, Puddletown, at 11 am on Saturday January 23rd.

BROWN - Suddenly at Stirling Royal Infirmary on 5th January 1993, Margot (née Sloan), Norcroft, Gargunnock and formerly of Hurst Grange, Stirling. Dear wife of Tim Brown and mother of Esther. Service in Gargunnock Parish Church on Monday 11th January at 2pm, cremation thereafter private. No flowers please.

BUCK - Charles F. Peacefully in hospital on 5th January 1993, aged 93. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy, devoted father of Rosemary and Marcus and grandfather of Ian, Julian and Georgina. Also loved and sadly missed by Bob and Liz. Funeral Service at Highbury Congregational Church, Cheltenham, on Wednesday 13th January at 11.45. Cut flowers or sprays only to Co-operative Funeral Services, Grosvenor House, Lansdown Road, Cheltenham, Glos, or donations to: Gretton Ward Trust Fund, Delancey Hospital, Cheltenham.

COOPER - On January 4th at home, William Howard. Beloved husband of Nancy and father of Linnet and Neil. Funeral on Thursday 14th January at St Nicholas Church, Great Hormead at 2pm.

COWAN - Peacefully at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on 7th January 1993, Robert Cowan, former Chairman of the Highlands and Islands Development Board/Enterprise. Beloved husband of Margaret and father of Frances, Mary and Katherine. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, on Tuesday 12th January 1993 at 11.30 am, to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only but donations in lieu for Surgical Unit Fund, Raigmore, may be given at the service or forwarded to Funeral Directors, John Fraser and Son, 17/29 Chapel Street, Inverness.

COX - Sir Anthony Wakefield, Architect. On 5th January, quietly at home with his family, Susan, Joanna and Sally. Private Cremation 13th January. Farewell and Thanksgiving 16th January 2.30pm St Michael's Church Highgate. We hope to commemorate his interest in Third World Primary health care through an appropriate fund: details later.

CRAMB - Harold Alan, on 5th January, peacefully following a stroke, much loved husband of Jean and father of Peter and Jill. Cremation at St Marylebone Crematorium at 3 pm on Tuesday January 12th. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to Multiple Sclerosis, c/o Kelly & Co., 4 Hendon Lane, London N3.

DAVIES - Norman Clifford, CEng, BSc, MIEE. Civil Aviation Authority. Suddenly on 3rd December. Much loved husband of Elisabeth. Industrious supporter of the Engineering profession. Secretary of Institution of Electrical Engineers, London Centre. Secretary of Association of Cardiff Engineers (University of Wales). Long serving member of University of Wales Court. A great lover of classical music.

DELVES BROUGHTON - On January 5th, Sir Evelyn, 12th Baronet of Broughton, Staffs. After many years of illness fought with outstanding courage. Wife of Rona and father of Isabella, Julia and Lavinia. Stepfather to Louise, Rivinia and Ianthe. Funeral strictly private at St Peter's Church, Broughton, on Tuesday January 12th at 12 noon. No flowers or letters by request, but donations if desired to The Doddington Church Fund. Memorial Service to be announced later.

DE MIRAMON - Gérard, marquis de Miramon, peacefully in Paris, on Saturday January 2nd 1993. A Memorial Service in Paris and London will be announced later.

DUNN - On January 5th, peacefully at home, Lady Mary Sybil, wife of the late Sir Philip Dunn. Private funeral St Nicholas' Church, Hulsh. 2 pm Saturday January 9th.

FERGUSON - On January 4th 1993, Angus, husband of the late Edith and brother of Kitty. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Slinfold, on Monday January 18th at 11.30 am followed by cremation. Enquiries to Freeman Brothers (0403) 254890.

FRIEND - On January 4th, Patricia, beloved wife of Gordon Friend. Funeral Service at West London Crematorium, Harrow Road, W10, on Wednesday January 13th at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only please.

HALL - On 5th January 1993 peacefully Christopher Mildmay (Kit), Commander RN retired aged 87 years, loving husband of Bet and the late Margret and father of Jocelyn, Judy and Catherine. Funeral Service at Madron Parish Church, Penzance, at 11 am on Monday 11th January. Family flowers only. Donations to St Agnes Ward, St Michael's Hospital, Hayle, Cornwall.

HUNTER - Ruth (née Sheridan), suddenly on 7th January 1993, aged 90, of Hotel Trois Couronnes, Vevey, Switzerland. Beloved wife of the late Robert Hunter and cherished mother of Robert and John. Service at The English Church, Vevey, on Tuesday 12th January at 2.30 pm. No flowers, but donations if desired to Calibre, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP22 5XQ. (0296) 432339.

KELAART - Paul, sadly last summer, much loved by Bessie, Hannah, Lucy and Thierry. Service at 11 am on Friday 15th January at Manor Farm, Nettlebed.

MACKAY-LEWIS - Major General C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Royal Artillery, 'Squirrel'. On 3rd January, at home, aged 95. Dearly loved husband of Pam and loved father of Jeremy and Jonathan. Funeral Service private. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Layer Marney, near Colchester, Essex, at 3 pm on Saturday 20th February. Donations, if desired, to Royal Artillery Benevolent Fund, Woolwich, London SE18.

MACKAY - On 6th January, suddenly, Captain Ian S.S. Mackay RN (retired), aged 68, much loved husband of Boo and devoted father of Tina, Jane and Fiona. Funeral Service at St Nicholas' Church, Itchenor, on Friday 15th January at 12 noon followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, 1 North Pallant, Chichester.

MATTHEWS - On 7th January, suddenly at home, Major General (retired) Michael Matthews C.B., D.L., much loved son of Marjorie beloved husband of Rose, devoted father of Nichola, Graeme, Julie and James and much loved grandfather of Benjamin and Oscar. Funeral service at The Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst, on Thursday 14th January at 2.30 pm followed by cremation at the Aldershot Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to The Airborne Forces Charities Development Trust, Browning Barracks, Aldershot, GU11 2BU. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in London at a later date.

METCALFE - On January 5th 1993, peacefully after a long struggle against cancer, Ronald Ellis aged 79 years. Beloved husband of Joy and loving and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium on Thursday January 14th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Pilgrims Hospice c/o Hambrook & Johns, 1 Dymchurch Road, Hythe, Kent.

MORAES - Jude, greatly loved mother of Heff and wife of Larry Hansen, daughter of Pat and Bob St.John, sister of Ian and step-mother of Alex and Bill Hansen. Died after a short illness on 4th January. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Bedford Street, Covent Garden on Friday 15th January at 1.30 pm followed by burial at Highgate Cemetery at 3 pm. Flowers, or donations to The Woodland Trust, may be sent c/o W.G. Miller, 93-95 Essex Road, London N1 2SJ - Telephone 071-226 3886.

NAPIER - On January 6th, peacefully at home, Hartley Wintney, Rosemary Evelyn, beloved wife of the late Lieut. Col. Arthur Henry Gurney Napier, OBE, RE, and dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Wednesday January 13th at 2pm at Winchfield Old Church. Flowers, if wished, to E. Finch & Sons, 123 High Street, Aldershot, Hants.

NORTHEN - On January 6th, peacefully at Coxwell Hall Nursing Home, Faringdon, Paul Harold 'Tim'. Beloved father of Susan and Sheila. Thanksgiving Service on Thursday 14th January 1993 at 2.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Maysey Hampton, Glos. No flowers please, but donations to The Alzheimers Disease Society c/o A.E. Baker & Sons, Cardinal House, 5 Park Road, Faringdon, Oxon.

PAGE - Maurice E.R. of New Milton, Hampshire. Peacefully on Friday 1st January 1993. Private funeral. Donations in memory to Royal South Hants Hospital, Oncology Unit c/o F.W. House & Sons, 33/34 St Thomas Street, Lymington, Hampshire. SO41 9NE.

PURCHASE - On January 6th 1993, peacefully at home, Frances Irene, aged 87, beloved wife of the late Russell Purchase and mother of Christopher, Nigel and Rosemary. Service in Chichester Cathedral on Thursday January 14th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Friends of Chichester Hospitals c/o Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester (0243) 782136.

SCHORR-KON - Stephan. Beloved husband, father, friend and teacher drowned December 31st in Australia. Please contact H.J. Paintin Ltd., 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge. CB1 6HS, tel: (0223) 891226 for further details.

VAN VEELEN - On January 6th, peacefully aged 81 years, Evert, much loved and devoted husband of Margaret and formerly of the late Patricia and Marleen and father of Gre, Niek, Wim, Tineke, Marleen and Dick, Jan, Piet, Kees and stepfather to Julia and Alexander. Funeral Services at St Peter's, Over Wallop, Hampshire, at 10.30 am on Monday January 11th and Tuesday January 12th at Dorpskerk, Wassenaar, Holland. Flowers and enquiries to A.H. Chester Funeral Directors, Romsey. tel: (0794) 513393.

WELLS - On January 6th, peacefully at home, Richard, beloved partner of Stephen, Director of Marie Curie Rehabilitation Centre at The Royal Marsden Hospital, Fellow of The Royal College of Nursing. Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium on January 14th at 2 pm. No flowers, if desired donations to Andrewes Ward Fund, c/o St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, EC1.

WILSON - On January 4th 1993, at Pennswood, PA: Jean Strachan, formerly Professor of History at Smith College, Northampton, MA.

WIMBERLEY - On January 6th 1993, at a Blairgowrie nursing home, Myrtle Campbell aged 89, wife of the late Major-General Douglas Wimberley. A much loved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation at Dundee Crematorium on Tuesday January 12th at 12 noon. No flowers please at her own request, but if desired donations may be sent to 51st Highland Division Trust Fund c/o Thorntons W.S., Brothockbank House, Arbroath.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BRIMBLECOMBE - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Professor F.S.W. Brimblecombe to be held at Exeter Cathedral on Friday 5th February at 3 pm.

IN MEMORIAM — WAR

DOREY - William Donald, Sergeant Air Gunner, Bomber Command, lost with all his crew over the North Sea 8/9 January 1943. Remembered with gratitude by Mary, Graeme and Michael. Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

HILLARY - Richard Hope, Flight Lieutenant RAFVR, of Shrewsbury School and Trinity College, Oxford. Born in Sydney 20 April 1919 and killed on active service near Charter Hall 8 January 1943. 'The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death'.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

SIMMONS - In proud and ever living memory of my beloved husband Lewis Simmons (Sim), January 8th 1984. Norma.

LEGAL NOTICES

Combined Security Services Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA on 14 January 1993 at 12 Noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, not later than 12 noon on 13 January 1993.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm, on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board
Diana Rowdon, Director.

INDEPENDENT SERVICES LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD, on Monday the 18th day of January 1993 at 12.00 O'clock noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Peter Lomas and Stephen James Wainwright of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD are appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioners who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 5th day of January 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
B.T. Chappell, DIRECTOR.

MERCANTILE HOUSE (OVERSEAS) LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No: 1118666
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 4 December 1992 the above named company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Stephen James Lister Adamson and Gareth Howard Hughes of Ernst & Young, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU were appointed Joint Liquidators by the members.
The Joint Liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the creditors of the above company must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the Joint Liquidators at the above address by the 20th day of January 1993 which is the last day for proving claims.
The Liquidators also give notice that they will then make distributions to creditors and members. A creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
Dated this 23rd day of December 1992.
S J L Adamson and G H Hughes
Joint Liquidators.

In the Matter of R R C (UK) Ltd
and in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, Melvyn Julian Carter of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU, give notice that on 21 December 1992 I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 28th February 1993 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Melvyn Julian Carter of Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Note: This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Dated: 5 January 1993
M J Carter, Liquidator.

In the Matter of R R C International Ltd
and in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, Melvyn Julian Carter of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU, give notice that on 21 December 1992 I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 28th February 1993 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Melvyn Julian Carter of Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Note: This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Dated: 5 January 1993
M J Carter, Liquidator.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
EXPRESS PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Allsress & Co., 51, Upper Wickham Lane, Welling, Kent, DA16 3AD on the 13th January 1993 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the creditors will be available for inspection between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the offices of Allsress & Co. 51 Upper Wickham Lane, Welling, Kent, DA16 3AD, on the two business days prior to the meeting.
Dated this 22nd day of December 1992.
Peter John Arthur Walker, Director.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In the matter of ASHOK NAVNITLAL PATEL
Milton Keynes County Court No. 82 of 1990
Notice is hereby given that Francis Wessely of Cape and Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Trustee of the above named on 21 August 1992.
Francis Wessely, Trustee.

No. 0011386 of 1992
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
RE PARIBAS UK HOLDING LIMITED
- and -
re: THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 16 December 1992 confirming the cancellation of the share premium account and the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £62,742,055 to £34,352,647 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 21 December 1992.
Dated 8 January 1993
LINKLATERS & PAINES
Solicitors for the Company

No 00692 of 1992
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MANCHESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF QUILIGOTTI PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 21 December 1992 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company from £2,786,889 to £130,198 in accordance with the above-mentioned Act was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 22nd December 1992.
Davies Wallis Foyster
Solicitors
Harvester House 37 Peter Street, Manchester
Ref: SW/tajb/61788/7

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SALE TILNEY PLC
Registered No: 276809
Pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 3.2 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 take notice that we, M C Withall, S Barnes and P S Fischer of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London NW1 2EP were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above company on 31 December 1992 by National Westminster Bank plc under the terms of a debenture dated 14 November 1990.
Dated 31 December 1992
M C Withall, P S Fischer and S Barnes
Joint Administrative Receivers

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF MBO 14 (PS) LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
On 25 August 1992 the High Court made a winding up order for the company and on 25 November 1992 at a meeting of the creditors of the company Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips and Richard Victor Yerburgh Seebohm of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL were appointed as its liquidators.
Creditors of the company are requested to send details in writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidators at the above address. The claims must be made on a form 4.25 which will be provided by the liquidators on request.
The liquidators reserve their right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Date 4 January 1993
J G A Phillips, Joint Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CPEP PLC
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH on Friday the 8th day of January 1993 at 12.00pm o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 the Licensed Insolvency Practitioner dealing with the Company's affairs is Francis Wessely of Cape & Dalgleish 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH.
Dated this 23rd day of December 1992.
By Order of the Board
D.J. Keating, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
E. W. COOMBS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington F.I.P.A. of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 23rd December 1992.
Dated this 6th day of January 1993
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Official Notice

MERCHANT SHIPPING (ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION) REGULATIONS 1989

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to regulation 6(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Accident Investigation) Regulations 1989, the Chief Inspector of Marine Accidents has ordered an Inspector's Inquiry into the engine failure and subsequent stranding of mt BRAER, near Sumburgh Head on 5 January 1993.

Any persons who desire to make representations to the Inspector concerning the circumstances or causes of the accident should write to the Inspector at the following address, no later than 14 days from the date of publication of this Notice.

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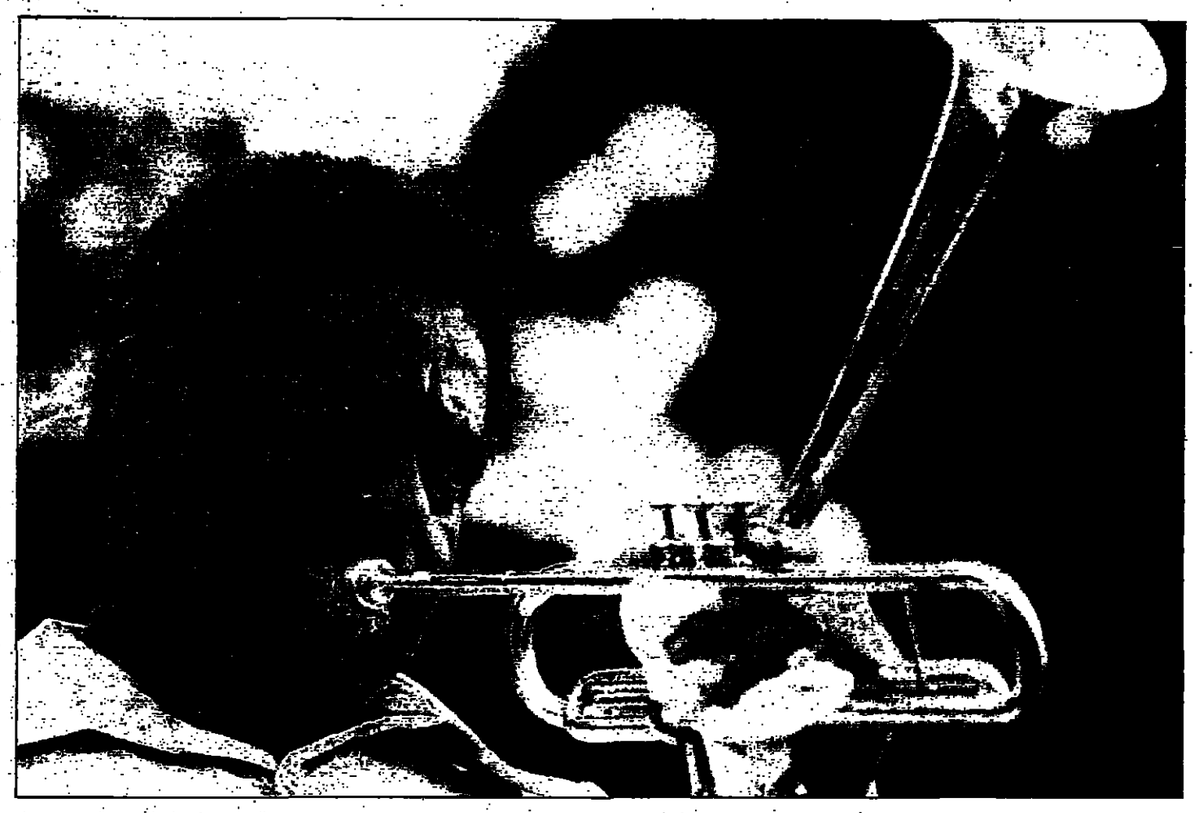
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OBITUARIES

DIZZY GILLESPIE

Dizzy Gillespie, jazz trumpeter died in hospital in Englewood, New Jersey, on January 6 aged 75. He was born in Cheraw, South Carolina, on October 21, 1917.



ALONG with Louis Armstrong and Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie was the most influential trumpeter in the history of jazz. A spectacular virtuoso, he helped to usher in the bebop era in the 1940s. In his later years he became an affable father-figure on the international festival circuit.

John Birks Gillespie was the youngest of nine children. His father, a bricklayer, was an amateur musician who died when his son was only ten. Gillespie did not begin to take music seriously until he was 14 when he took up the trombone. Some months later a neighbour loaned him a trumpet.

After his family moved to Philadelphia in 1935, he joined a band which included the trumpeter Charlie Shavers. From him, Gillespie acquired a passion for the great swing player Roy Eldridge, faithfully copying his phrasing. It was also around this time that his tomfoolery earned him the nickname "Dizzy".

By the late 1930s Gillespie had moved on to New York where he first held down a job with the bandleader Teddy Hill, and then joined the big band of Cab Calloway, with whom he stayed until 1941. They eventually fell out when Calloway accused Gillespie of throwing spitballs during a concert.

By this time he was beginning to experiment with the music that would become known as "bebop". Along with Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk and other like-minded players, he took part in late-night jam sessions on 52nd Street. The young iconoclasts baffled the older swing musicians by their use of shifting rhythmic patterns, unconventional chords and rampant tempos. Many of the early bebop standards were based on the harmonic structure of old songs such as "I Got Rhythm" and "How High The Moon". Who actually deserved most credit for the innovations remains hazy, partly because of the American Federation of Musicians ban on instrumental recordings, which lasted from 1942 to 1944.

A breakthrough came when Gillespie and Parker joined a big band set up by the singer Billy Eckstine, who was prepared to give the young innovators a relatively free hand. The band became an important vehicle for the beboppers. From there the two men moved on to their own small group, which began a celebrated engagement at the Three Deuces venue on 52nd Street. Gillespie's studio recordings from this period included "Hot House", "Groovin' High" and "Shaw Nuff". The new movement began to generate media interest. The name "bebop" stuck simply because it seemed to capture the basic sound of the music. Gillespie's style was marked by a much lighter use of vibrato than was typical among swing era trumpeters. Quality of tone was less important than the urgency and inventivess of his soloing, resulting in a stream of splintered notes rising into the stratosphere. Unfortunately, the low-quality recordings made in the late 1940s did not always do him justice: he sounds at his most majestic and full-bodied on albums — including the orchestral session *Gillespiana* — made well over a decade later.

While Parker's harmonic innovations poured out as if they were almost beyond his control, Gillespie's approach was more studied: it was often left to him to sit at the piano with a sheet of paper and explain the complexities to the other musicians. As for the public, the reaction was either exultation or baffled dismay.

The swing era had brought jazz a mass audience. Gillespie and his colleagues were less willing to make compromises. "First I play for myself," he once commented, "next I play for the musicians and then I hope that the audience likes it. It's in that order."

Audiences did. In 1945, Gillespie won *Esquire* magazine's new star award and three years later his band was named *Metronome* magazine's band of the year.

Gillespie's relationship with Parker came under intense strain during their 1946 residency in Los Angeles. Debilitated by drugs and alcohol, Parker frequently missed engagements. At the end of the six-week stint Gillespie returned East; Parker stayed put, eventually suffering a nervous breakdown which led to his confinement in a sanatorium.

After the parting from Parker Gillespie went his own way, forming a big band. This was arguably his best-ever unit, with brilliant sidemen such as vibraphonist Milt Jackson and arrangements by John Lewis and George Russell. The latter contributed the drum suite "Cubana Be"/"Cubana Bop" which highlighted Gillespie's innovative use of Latin American rhythms. The Latin influence was also evident in "Manteca", and in Gillespie's most famous tune "A Night In Tunisia". The postwar years were a difficult time for big bands. Financial pressures forced Gillespie to break up the orchestra in 1950.

He formed his own record company, Dee Gee, the following year, partly with the aim of making somewhat more commercially acceptable music. The venture was short-lived, but it did yield a number of enjoyable recordings: "Birk's Works", "Tin Tin Deo" and the humorous vocal number "Swing Low Sweet Cadilla".

Gillespie's musical development was more or less complete. The one new development from this period was the introduction in 1953 of his distinctive 45 degree trumpet. Typically, this came about completely by chance, when his instrument was accidentally knocked over on the bandstand. Gillespie found that he preferred the tone produced by the new shape. His other visual trademark — his ballooning cheeks — always intrigued on-lookers. He was to recall that a NASA scientist once offered to carry out X-rays to investigate the phenomenon. Unfortunately Gillespie missed the appointment.

Bebop was running out of steam. By now Gillespie's work was overshadowed by the cool, understated approach of Miles Davis but he continued to work steadily with small groups, under the aegis of the impresario Norman Granz. In 1956 the controversial Harlem congressman Adam Clayton Powell cajoled the State Department into funding a big band tour to south-eastern Europe and the Middle East. It was the first time Washington had sponsored such a venture, and Gillespie's trip was so successful that another one was swiftly organised, this time to South America.

His support for the civil rights campaign and his opposition to American involvement in Vietnam — not to mention his mischievous sense of humour — prompted a half-serious presidential campaign in 1964. His manifesto included a pledge to deport the arch-segregationist Governor George Wallace, and to appoint Ray Charles to administer the Library of Congress.

The 1960s were a generally fallow period, but the following decades saw him re-emerging as an elder statesman. A certain predictability crept into his public performances, and the clowning and play-acting were not to everyone's taste. There was certainly a limit to the number of times audiences could listen to his familiar pay-off: "Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your magnificent indifference". He continued to record at regular intervals, notably for Granz's Pablo label. Live appearances tended to bring out the best in him, and sometimes the worst. Always keen to encourage new talent, he did much to further the career of young trumpeters such as Jon Faddis and the Cuban virtuoso Arturo Sandoval. By the time he celebrated his 70th birthday in 1987, he was understandably reluctant to indulge in too many high-note extravagances.

The following year he set off on a world tour with his self-styled United Nation Orchestra, an all-star unit which featured Sandoval, Paquito d'Rivera, Slide Hampton and Gillespie's long-time friend James Moody. While his own contribution was carefully rationed, the tour was a reminder that he was at his most content when surrounded by a roaring big band. He kept up a gruelling touring schedule until the last year of his life. Reviewers noted that he was having increasing difficulties with his intonation, but there were still nights of inspired playing, and his avuncular stage presence normally made up for any shortcomings.

There was one last surprise, a live album of trumpet-and-drums duets with his old bebop partner Max Roach. This exposed setting, with no rhythm section to act as a safety net, conveyed the same sense of risk as the vintage recordings. Gillespie was in ebullient form, too, on one of his last studio sessions, a collaboration with the West Coast-based group Bebop and Beyond.

His survival in the turbulent world of jazz owed much to the support of his wife, Lorraine, whom he married in 1940. He was also a follower of the Baha'i faith. His autobiography, *To Be Or Not To Bop*, was published in 1979.

BASIL CARDEW

Basil Cardew, journalist, has died aged 86. He was born on October 28, 1906.

WHEN Arthur Christiansen was summoned by Lord Beaverbrook in 1933 to become editor of the *Daily Express* he started to build a reporting team which for many years was the envy of much of Fleet Street. One of his first recruits was Basil Cardew, who came from the Press Association with a reputation of having one of the best shorthand notes in the trade.

Together with reporters such as Morley Richards and John Young, who went on to become news editor and night news editor respectively, Cardew was an essential part of the Christiansen drive which saw circulation rise to more than four million copies a day. All three men also became founder members of the paper's exclusive 1933 Club — a group which met regularly and thought of itself as Christiansen's Pretorian Guard, though later recruits to the paper had other names for it.

Cardew was born into the newspaper business. His father wrote in the *Daily Mail* as Robin Goodfellow, the paper's racing expert. His shorthand soon endeared him to J. B. Wilson, the martinet of the *Express*, and he chose Cardew for what appeared to be a routine event, covering a divorce hearing in Ipswich which turned out to be that of Wallis and Ernest Simpson. The *Express* carried only a few lines about the event but that was not the main object of Cardew's mission. His verbatim report was sent immediately to Lord Beaverbrook.

Cardew had a colourful war as a correspondent, particularly in North West Europe, where his appetite for front-line reporting resorted in narrow escapes from capture — or worse. After the war he returned to the *Daily Express* which was establishing new circulation records. He had always been interested in motor racing and early in his career he had covered the land and water speed record attempts by Britain's two racing knights, Sir Malcolm Campbell and Sir Henry Segrave. He now became the paper's motor and air correspondent and Christiansen gave him plenty of space despite the postwar newspaper rationing. Cardew was a sociable figure and was highly popular on both the international motor racing circuits and at air shows of the 1940s and 1950s. He was a compelling anecdotalist and a lavish spender of his paper's expenses. With his camel-hair coats and rakish trilby hats Cardew at a bar seemed the epitome of the *Express* reporter. He served the paper for 38 years but it lost some of its attraction for him when Christiansen's reign as editor ended in 1957.

Cardew is survived by his wife, Jean, his son and his daughter.

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Miss Pauline Gower, Officer Commanding No. 5 Ferry Pilot School, writes:-

Although I always appreciated her brilliance as a pilot, the attributes which went to make her character were to me more impressive than her wonderful feats in the world of aeronautics. Her physical courage as an aviator was undoubted; her moral courage, her large-heartedness and her sense of humour were only fully appreciated by her friends. In her private life Amy was unassuming, and entirely lacking in conceit. After her spectacular flight when the world was at her feet, she could spare the time to give encouragement and advice to any who asked her. When she joined the Air Transport Auxiliary she settled down to her new life with all the eagerness of one who obviously had her heart in her work and was anxious to do a job for her country. The flying she was required to do was not spectacular but it required steady application. Sometimes it was easy for one with her experience; at other times her skill stood her in good stead. Whatever the circumstances, however she was feeling, the job was done; and the conscientious manner in which she carried out her duties was an inspiration to those who worked with her.

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Best remembered for her flight to Australia, Amy Johnson carried out other noteworthy flights before her death in a wartime crash. She was married for a time to Jim Mollison, an Australian pilot.

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Islanders may have to flee oil fumes

■ Shetland islanders may have to abandon their homes and move to the mainland as the oil slick from the stricken tanker *Braer* continues its progress north, engulfing the community in rancid fumes.

Families started moving from the area closest to the wreck to friends and relatives further north, and those who stayed were advised to keep children indoors. One school cancelled outdoor play..... Pages 1, 3

Saddam plays cat and mouse game

■ Allied jets were poised to attack Iraqi targets as the hours ticked away to the deadline issued to President Saddam Hussein for the removal of missiles. Mystery surrounded reports that the weapons had been moved but the Pentagon in Washington refused to give details..... Pages 1, 10

Bank blamed

A City bank caused the destruction of Scotland's largest construction company and put 2,800 jobs in jeopardy after it refused a plea for a loan of less than £2 million. Hill Samuel, the merchant banking arm of the TSB, admitted it had refused to put up fresh money for Lilley, the £340 million construction group .....Pages 1, 19, 23

Smuggling 'fun'

Darius Guppy, the jewel dealer who was best man at the wedding of the Princess of Wales's brother, admitted smuggling gold to India for cash and "fun". Mr Guppy, an old Etonian who is also godfather to Earl Spencer's daughter Kitty, has pleaded not guilty to a £1.8 million insurance fraud ..... Page 2

Reading aid

A remedial reading scheme from New Zealand is to be expanded as part of a £10 million package of support for inner-city schools. Primary schools in 20 areas are already testing the Reading Recovery programme on six-year-olds who have fallen behind. Extra teaching in small groups is expected to enable them to catch up within a year..... Page 5

Rover puzzle

As many as 5,000 cars which boosted Rover's December sales may never have been seen in showrooms — the cars were all registered by the company for its own use. Industry officials puzzled by the surge are breaking down statistics to discover that there could be a big gap between sales and registrations.... Page 7

Epilepsy assurance

Sitting in front of the television screen playing a computer game is the safest place to have an epileptic fit, a specialist said after it emerged that three teenagers have been treated at Cardiff Royal Infirmary since Christmas following fits triggered by the games ..... Page 7

Hunger warning

Many people could die of cold and hunger in Bosnia-Herzegovina this winter, the director of United Nations relief operations in former Yugoslavia said, despite what he considered an unexpectedly high level of success for the UN aid effort..... Page 9

Somalia attack

American forces launched their biggest attack on armed militias since they arrived in Somalia a month ago, firing anti-tank rockets and machine guns into an armoury held by General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, southern Somalia's warlord ..Page 11

Angola offensive

Fighting between Angolan government forces and the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) continued in the southern cities of Benguela and Lobito, and government forces launched an offensive on rebel positions in Cuito in the central highlands ..... Page 11

Sunday workers want shops open

■ Shopping on Sundays puts many customers into the hands of a new breed of employee, the Sunday-only shopworker, according to a survey that suggests a majority do not see any disadvantage to working on the Sabbath. The study of Sunday workers was commissioned by a retailer-based group lobbying for changes ..... Page 5



Road closed: more than two thirds of the participants in the Paris-Dakar rally are bogged down in the Sahara sand. Page 34

ERM rally: The Bundesbank made a surprise cut in one of its key interest rates to take pressure off weaker currencies and avoid the collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism..... Page 19

Gone for a ... Burton Group is saving money by cutting almost 2,000 full-time jobs, half of them at its headquarters, and is hiring up to 3,000 part-time staff. Pages 19, 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 9.5 points to 2816.5. The pound's trade-weighted index gained 0.1 to 81.8 as the pound rose from DM2.5166 to DM2.5190 and from $1.5390 to $1.5407 Page 22

Football: Ian Wright, the Arsenal and England forward, was banned for three matches by the FA after being found guilty of hitting David Howells, the Tottenham Hotspur midfield player, last month. George Graham, the Arsenal manager, was fined £500 for making comments to the referee.... Page 36

Racing: A seven-year-old maiden chaser, Big Ben Dun, backed down from 100-1 to 3-1 favourite, landed a spectacular gamble in the Carrick Hill handicap ..... Page 33

Cricket: Paul Taylor makes his debut for an England team in Lucknow, India, today knowing that this will be his only chance to stake his claim to a Test place with his seam bowling. The game, against the Indian Board President's XI, is England's last three-day match until just before the first Test in Calcutta on January 29.....Page 32

Churchill: "They brought me here, only to find they have a viper in their bosom". John Charmley, interviewed by Valerie Grove Page 12

Nigel's move: This Sunday Nigel Short, Britain's strongest ever chess Grandmaster, will begin a challenge that could lead him to a meeting with Gary Kasparov .. Page 12

Raise your voices: More than half a million people in Britain sing Graham Kendrick's "pop" hymns — what is his secret? ..... Page 13

English tests: "Such a reading list would not be a bad start for a foreigner wishing to acquire some inkling of English literature". Daniel Johnson on the texts selected for Eng Lit exams..... Page 13

City walls: Pictures of 20th-century London by past and present students and staff of the Royal College of Art, including Henry Moore and Frank Auerbach, make up an exhibition at the Museum of London ..... Page 27

Goodbye Gillespie: Clive Davis pays tribute to the American jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie.. Page 27

Looney tunesmiths? Rock stars, already at risk of psychological and physical self-destruction through over-indulgence in drugs, are equally vulnerable to attack by pathologically devoted fans, as new books on Beach Boys-founder Brian Wilson and John Lennon make clear..... Page 29

World-conquering car: Vaughan Freeman runs an expert eye over the new Ford Mondeo and speaks to the Briton who led the design team..... Page 31

Buzz off: Nick Nuttall reports on the Buzzboard, a revolutionary low-cost two-wheeler which will beat the city jams..... Page 31

Look out Mario: Steve May reports on a new generation of powerful home computers from Commodore which aim to out perform Japanese video games..... Page 26

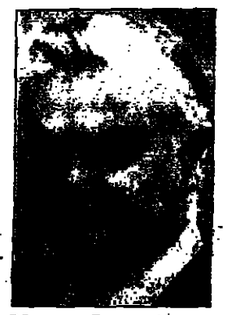
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Tributes to Rudolf Nureyev flowed in from admirers as preparations were made to bury him at the cemetery favoured by Russian emigres. Pages 1, 9



Katarina Witt, the former Olympic figure skating champion, talks of her ambition to return to Olympic competition next year. Page 36



Norman Lamont was warned by one of his predecessors, Lord Howe of Aberavon, that taxes would have to rise "sooner rather than later" Page 5



The murder of Donald Urquhart in a London street was being investigated for links with another contract killing in Kennington Page 6

Arena begins a new season with a three-part study of Graham Greene (BBC2, 9.30 pm) ..... Page 35

Hit the dictator

A sharp shock is needed, Iraq's actions fully warrant it ..... Page 15

Irish mist

Whoever is taoiseach next week should at least allow the punt to devalue ..... Page 15

Eng Lit legit

No two academics, English teachers, or even educated laymen are ever likely to agree on a definitive list of ideal reading ..... Page 15

DAVID WILLETTS

What began as an end-of-year stocktaking is in danger of being seen as the launch of an entirely new strategy. The pundits are suddenly looking for new visions of conservatism with all the intensity of a baroque saint..... Page 14

PETER RIDDELL

The weekend features a variety of social events attended by wives. Over the years, these have included charades and a traditional snooker match between ministers and officials. Nigel Lawson describes the event ... as having an air of Gentlemen versus Players Page 14

JOANNA PITMAN

Miss Owada has perhaps calculated that the Imperial Household Agency will be forced, albeit slowly, to loosen its grip and that the the slow erosion of its power that began immediately after the war will continue..... Page 14

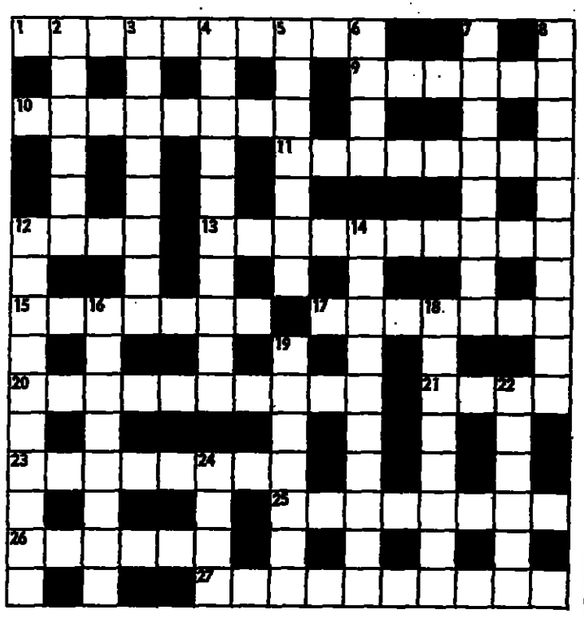
How society can help the mentally ill to avoid further suffering in the community ..... Page 15

As the threat of a nuclear war recedes, the problems of a nuclear peace are growing ever more urgent. All across Europe we are facing the consequences of the rush into a nuclear age for which we are still ill-prepared — *The European*

Why is it that the government's good intentions about safeguarding the classics has produced such dismal efforts as this anthology? It serves only to remind us of the reason why Bernard Shaw cast his undying curse on anyone who attempted to turn his works into set examination texts

— *Evening Standard*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,122



ACROSS

1 Stroke or dash (10).
9 Girl in headquarters of American army (6).
10 Ores pits put out producing quick returns (8).
11 Artist tucked into meagre fish (5-3)
12 Fabric repeatedly found in sale, not economical enough (4).
13 Choose isolated area for a dip (10).
15 Moved king to safety, escorted by company (7).
17 Cake that is produced with chocolate (7).
20 Second of two boys is back for a term (10).
21 It could be either fast or slow, almost (4).
23 Case for guarding port, for example, clearly shown (8).
25 Delicate situation when politicians get excited (8).
26 Something unique — about English cricket sides (3-3).
27 Pedestrian has to jump onto ground (10).

DOWN

2 A gun for each person (6).
3 Quickly produce something that's superb (5-3).
4 Replicate a composition, a religious work (5-5).
5 Do a critical examination in little girl's school (7).
6 Queen, an Indian leader (4).
7 Current records are so wild (8).
8 Simple way in which to find 18 people (4,6)
12 American's crazy proposal could be a moving experience (10).
14 Foreign magazine featuring Helen's marriage? (5-5).
16 Person supporting our present monarch (8).
18 Comfortable job for a boring person? (4-2-2).
19 Initially set Northern brewer a wonderful example (7).
22 Explorer in multiple North Sea disaster (6).
24 Memoirs showing animation (4).

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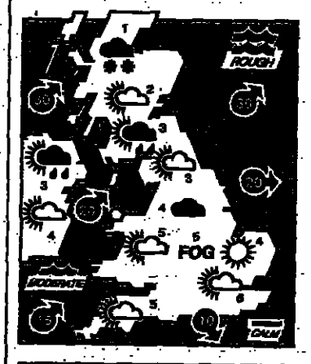
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Birmingham	0.9	0.01	8	46	fog
Bognor Regis	-	0.43	10	50	drizzle
Bournemouth	-	0.30	11	52	drizzle
Bristol	-	0.01	10	50	rain
Buxton	0.4	-	5	41	bright
Cardiff	0.1	0.11	10	50	rain
Clacton	0.6	0.30	6	43	cloudy
Cromer	0.8	0.07	7	45	cloudy
Douglas	-	0.02	9	48	shower
Edinburgh	1.9	0.08	9	48	bright
Eskdalemuir	-	0.19	8	46	rain
Exmouth	-	0.13	11	52	drizzle
Falmouth	-	0.17	11	52	cloudy
Folkestone	-	0.45	9	48	rain
Glasgow	-	0.26	9	48	rain
Guernsey	-	0.30	12	54	cloudy
Hastings	-	0.39	10	50	rain
Hunstanton	0.2	0.03	7	45	drizzle
Jersey	1.4	0.18	12	54	bright
Kinloss	0.6	0.01	10	50	cloudy
Leeds	2.0	-	8	46	bright
Lerwick	-	0.25	7	45	rain
Littlehampton	-	0.43	10	50	drizzle
Liverpool	-	-	10	50	cloudy
London	0.9	0.17	11	52	drizzly
Lowestoft	-	0.20	7	45	drizzle
Manchester	2.1	-	7	45	cloudy
Margate	X	0.35	11	52	rain
Minehead	0.1	0.14	11	52	rain
Morecambe	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Newcastle	0.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Newquay	-	0.14	12	54	cloudy
Nottingham	0.6	-	7	45	fog
Penzance	-	0.11	12	54	drizzle
Plymouth	-	0.09	10	50	drizzle
Poole	-	0.31	12	54	drizzle
Prestwick	-	0.19	8	46	rain
Saunton Snd	-	0.09	11	52	cloudy
Scarborough	-	0.01	4	39	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	0.10	11	52	drizzle
Shanklin	-	0.41	11	52	rain
Southend	0.6	0.26	11	52	rain
Southsea	-	0.51	10	50	fog
Stornoway	-	0.58	8	46	rain
Swanage	-	0.59	11	52	rain
Teignmouth	-	0.13	11	52	rain
Tenby	-	0.02	10	50	drizzle
Tiree	-	0.18	8	46	hail
Torquay	-	0.30	12	54	cloudy
Weymouth	-	0.52	11	52	drizzle
Worthing	-	0.40	9	48	drizzle

X denotes not available

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	s	Majorca	14	57	s
Alicante	11	52	c	Malaga	14	57	s
Alex'dria	12	54	r	Malta	14	57	s
Algiers	14	57	s	Melb'rne	16	61	r
Amst'dm	4	39	fg	Miami*	28	82	s
Athens	7	45	c	Milan	6	43	f
Bahrain	20	68	c	Montreal*	-6	21	sn
Bangkok	31	88	s	Moscow	-6	21	sn
Barbados*	29	84	r	Munich	7	45	r
Barcelna	11	52	s	Naples	11	52	s
Beirut	13	55	f	N Delhi	15	59	c
Belgrade	-1	30	f	N York*	4	39	c
Berlin	4	39	f	Nice	13	55	c
Bermuda*	22	72	f	Oslo	-2	28	c
Biarritz	16	61	s	Paris	9	48	c
Bonn'a's	11	52	c	Peking	-2	28	s
Brussels	5	41	f	Perth	35	95	s
Budapst	-3	27	f	Prague	0	48	c
B Aires*	33	91	f	Reykjavik	-2	28	c
Cairo	12	54	f	Rhodes	4	39	c
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Rio de J	33	90	s
Chicago*	-5	23	f	Riyadh	27	81	s
Ch'church	19	66	f	Rome	12	54	s
Cologne	6	43	c	Salzburg	5	41	r
C'phgn	4	39	s	S F'isco*	8	43	r
Cordu	11	52	s	Santiago*	33	92	s
Dublin	9	48	c	S Paulo*	30	86	f
Dubrovnik	12	54	s	Seoul	3	37	f
Faro	14	57	s	Sing'por	30	86	t
Florence	4	39	f	St'kholm	1	34	sl
Frankfurt	8	46	c	Strasb'rg	8	46	f
Funchal	19	66	f	Sydney	22	72	f
Geneva	5	41	f	Tangier	15	59	s
Gibraltar	14	57	c	Tel Aviv	14	57	r
Helsinki	3	37	sl	Tenerife	18	64	r
Innsbruck	2	36	r	Tokyo	6	43	r
Istanbul	3	37	sl	Toronto*	-1	30	sn
Jeddah	32	90	s	Tunis	13	55	f
Jo'burg*	23	84	s	Valencia	13	55	s
L Palmas	17	63	s	Vanc'ver*	-10	14	s
Le Touqt	7	45	d	Venice	3	37	c
Lisbon	9	48	s	Vienna	7	45	r
Locarno	6	43	f	Warsaw	1	34	r
London	7	45	d	Wash'ton*	9	48	s
L Angels*	10	50	r	Wel'ton	21	70	f
Luxembg	7	45	fg	Zurich	6	43	c
Luxor	14	57	f				
Madrid	7	45	s				

* denotes figures are latest available





London 4.11 pm to 8.04 am
Bristol 4.21 pm to 8.14 am
Edinburgh 3.59 pm to 8.40 am
Manchester 4.06 pm to 8.22 am
Penzance 4.39 pm to 8.19 am

Sun rises: 8.04 am
Sun sets: 4.11 pm
Moon sets 7.48 am
Moon rises 4.32 pm
Full moon 12.37pm

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

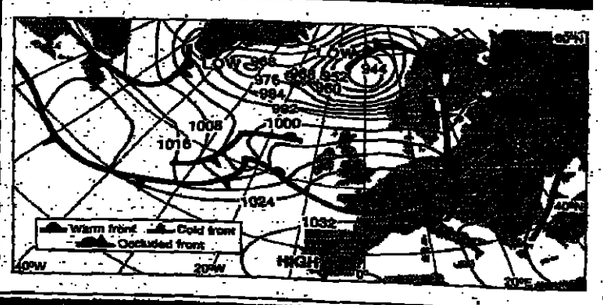
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Blackpool	6	43	f	Jersey	11	52	c
Bristol	6	43	f	London	7	45	d
Cardiff	5	41	c	M'nchster	5	41	f
Edinburgh	9	48	f	Newcastle	6	43	f
Glasgow	9	48	c	R'nidmwy	9	48	c

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT		AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.15	6.8	1.37	7.0	Liverpool	10.49	9.3	11.15	9.3
Aberdeen	12.48	4.1	12.57	4.4	Lowestoft	9.01	2.3	9.15	2.5
Avonmouth	6.45	12.9	7.14	13.0	Margate	11.44	4.8		
Belfast	10.36	3.5	11.06	3.3	Milford Haven	5.47	6.8	6.12	6.9
Cardiff	6.30	17.9	6.59	12.0	Newquay	4.38	6.8	5.02	6.9
Devonport	5.28	5.4	5.55	5.3	Oban	5.21	3.9	5.51	3.9
Dover	10.28	6.4	10.59	6.5	Penzance	4.25	5.5	4.50	5.4
Falmouth	4.59	5.2	5.25	5.1	Portland	6.20	2.1	6.51	2.0
Glasgow	12.22	4.5	12.39	4.8	Portsmouth	10.54	4.8	11.26	4.8
Harwich	11.32	3.9	12.39	3.9	Shoreham	10.49	6.1	11.16	6.2
Holyhead	4.55	5.6	10.19	5.5	Southampton	10.32	4.4	11.08	4.5
Hull	6.54	7.1	8.11	7.3	Swansea	5.58	9.2	6.19	9.3
Ilfracombe	5.28	9.0	5.57	9.1	Tees	3.14	5.2	3.32	5.4
King's Lynn	8.08	6.2	8.17	6.6	Wilton-on-Nze	11.29	4.1	11.44	4.1
Leith	2.01	5.3	2.18	5.4					

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6pm, 86 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.17in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.9hr. Bar. mean sea level: 6pm, 1,017.8 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.382	2.192
Austria Sch	18.65	17.25
Belgium Fr	54.90	50.50
Canada $	2.085	1.925
Denmark Kr	10.03	9.53
Finland Mrk	9.00	8.20
France Fr	9.06	8.35
Germany Dm	2.66	2.46
Greece Dr	365.00	338.00
Hong Kong $	12.55	11.55
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93
Italy Lire	2485.00	2290.00
Japan Yen	210.25	191.25
Netherlands Gld	2.89	2.76
Norway Kr	11.84	10.84
Portugal Esc	257.00	213.00
South Africa Rd	5.20	4.50
Spain Pta	185.00	172.00
Sweden Kr	11.76	10.96
Switzerland Fr	2.415	2.235
Turkey Lira	14200.0	13200.0
USA $	1.696	1.506

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Lack of £2m destroyed Lilley

How the TSB blocked construction firm's rescue

By Neil Bennett
Banking Correspondent

THE refusal of Hill Samuel, the merchant banking arm of TSB Group, to put up to £2 million towards a rescue plan for Lilley, Scotland's largest construction company, led to the company calling in receivers.

The bank admitted it knew the implications of its decision from the start but said Lilley should have looked for the money elsewhere. Four of Lilley's six banks, including the Bank of Scotland and the Royal Bank of Scotland, and several major shareholders agreed to put up fresh funds, but the entire refinancing was destroyed because of Hill Samuel's objection since it needed the banks' unanimous approval. Clydesdale Bank is also said to have opposed additional lending.

Price Waterhouse, the accountant, was appointed receiver to Lilley after a request from the company on Wednesday night. Iain Bennet, the partner in charge of the receivership, said he must sell Lilley's main construction subsidiaries within a month to safeguard more than 2,000 jobs. Lilley's collapse marks the failure of months of negotiations between the company, its banks and main shareholders. Lilley wanted to hive off its loss-making property business and concentrate on its profitable construction jobs.

Lilley, which had debts of £50 million, was badly hit by losses on disposals and writedowns on its property portfolio. The group estimated that its net assets had plunged from £47 million at the beginning of 1992 to a net deficit of £13 million by the end of the year. This forced it to ask its banks to refinance its debts.

The group realised, however, it needed up to £16 million in working capital to continue trading. Last month the banks told the company that they were not prepared to lend the additional money and Lilley's management, led by Sir Lewis Robertson, began desperate talks with institutions and Cubiertas and Entrecanales, its Spanish joint venture partners, to try to organise a £12.5 million share subscription.

Mr Bennet said yesterday that the group had won a good level of support from shareholders in the short period. But it was not enough to convince Hill Samuel to lend the remaining money needed.

A spokeswoman for the bank confirmed that the bank had rejected the group's pleas for fresh funding. "Hill Samuel agreed to the rescue package but felt unable to commit more funds. We knew the implication of our actions.

"We have been bankers to Lilley since 1988 and have been as supportive as possible in the reconstruction and would have loved to fund a solution. The money did not have to come from Hill Samuel." Hill Samuel has suffered heavily from bad debt provisions in the last 18 months and made a loss of £408 million in the year to October 1991, the largest reported by a merchant bank. The bank is trying to reduce its loan book.

Clydesdale issued a a short statement on its position: "We together with other syndicate banks were supportive of the reconstruction subject to certain individual requirements which could not be met."

Yesterday, PW was also forced to put most of Lilley's construction subsidiaries into receivership, including Lilley National Contracting, MDW and Eden Construction. They were all profitable and cash generative and have almost £100 million of work in hand. They had, however, lent the parent company more than £50 million to fund its property development activities, and could not survive without the cash.

One of the few that survived is Robinson and Davidson in Dumfries, which employs 750 and whose balance sheet is still healthy. PW plans to sell the company intact.

Work on Lilley sites has stopped and will not restart until clients agree to continue paying. PW has arranged new overdraft facilities with the Bank of Scotland to fund the sites, but the receivers are expected to demand up-front deposits or early payments from customers before they continue.

Mr Bennet said he hoped to sell the subsidiaries whole, together with the trading names and staff. "We have already had a lot of interest in the companies, but their credibility will ebb away rapidly and we are looking to achieve sales in a matter of a few weeks," he said.

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Bundesbank cuts key lending rate to save the ERM

By Janet Bush and Wolfgang Münchau

THE Bundesbank sanctioned a surprise cut in one of its key interest rates, to avoid the collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism. The decision was made amid mounting international pressure and evidence that the German economy is on the brink of its worst recession since the second world war.

There was no cut in official rates, but the Bundesbank announced a rate reduction on securities repurchase agreements. Those are the most important money market instruments, through which the Bundesbank supplies liquidity to the banking system. The repo rate was cut from 8.75 to 8.6 per cent. Economists in Frankfurt said the cut was likely to be the first of several this year.

The decision signals the gradual demise of the Bundesbank hardliners. Germany's central bank is known to be split between hardliners, who view interest rates exclusively in the light of domestic inflation and monetary growth, and moderates, who are influenced to a greater degree by the real economy and by international factors.

The cut may have been enough to save at least the hard core of the exchange-rate mechanism from disintegration. The French franc, the main target of currency speculators since the new year, strengthened.

Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank's president, made clear that the decision had been taken to protect the exchange-rate mechanism. President François Mitterrand said that if France did not stand up to speculators, the ERM would collapse. Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, said he was determined to stave off further assaults on the franc.

The Bundesbank's move was accompanied by small rate cuts in Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Austria. In contrast, the Irish authorities were forced to raise rates on overnight money to 100 per cent to stave off speculation against the punt, which languished at or below its ERM floor all day.

Ireland abolished remaining exchange controls on January 1 and promised to use higher interest rates to deter speculators. It is doubtful, however, whether the Irish authorities can hold out against devaluation much longer.

Economists said the Bundesbank's move was the first step towards lower interest rates across Europe, though it would be mistaken to expect further drastic rate cuts in Germany very soon. John Hall, of Swiss Bank Corporation, viewed the Bundesbank's action as a signal that it would not accept a devaluation of the franc. "There is now a clear end in sight in the battle for the franc," he said.

At the close of trading, the franc was quoted at 3.3970 to the mark, the furthest away from its ERM floor for some time. The punt recovered a little after the rise in overnight rates, closing at about DM2.6310, compared with its DM2.6190 floor.

The dollar strengthened on the back of strong economic data, including a sharp fall in jobless claims in the week to December 26. Sterling slipped back to DM 2.5065, from DM2.5180 at Wednesday's close.

The news of the small German rate cut was accompanied by further indications that the German recession is going to prove even more devastating than had been feared.

Figures released yesterday suggest that industrial orders plummeted towards the end of last year. Unemployment in western Germany leapt from 6.9 to 7.4 per cent, crossing the 2 million threshold for the first time in more than three years.



Altered image: John Hoerner said yesterday that Burton will take on 3,000 part-time staff to replace full-timers

Economists tell Lamont to go



Lamont: few want him

By Our Economics Correspondent

AS THE Chancellor prepares for a meeting with his advisers this weekend to start planning the Budget, a large majority of top City economists are saying it should be his last Budget.

In a survey by Reuters, published yesterday, 16 out of 20 leading economists in the City said Mr Lamont should step down after delivering his Budget in March. They argued that his credibility had been so tarnished by sterling's abrupt departure from the exchange-rate mechanism that financial markets no longer believed his policy statements. "The markets are looking for someone they can have more faith in," said Ruth Lea, chief economist at Mitsubishi Bank in London. Her view was echoed by Robin Marshall, of Chase Manhattan. Three of the 20 economists surveyed said Mr Lamont should stay. One argued that it would be unfair to make him the scapegoat for the failure of the government's policies; another said there was no obvious replacement.

This survey follows one of 29 industry leaders, 17 of whom said he should go.

House prices still falling

By Lindsay Cook, Money Editor

HOUSE prices fell by 0.6 per cent in December according to figures from the Halifax Building Society, the largest mortgage lender.

The fall during 1992 averaged 7.8 per cent, compared with an annual fall of 7.9 per cent at the end of November. Nationwide Building Society recorded a fall of 0.2 per cent during December.

The Halifax had reported a rise in prices of 0.1 per cent in November.

The 0.6 per cent fall is seasonally adjusted because house prices are normally weaker during the winter. Without adjustment, the fall amounted to 1.1 per cent.

First-time buyers are seeking bargains, with prices paid by them even lower, at 8.7 per cent below levels seen a year ago.

New properties have held up more firmly, losing 2.7 per cent to £67,023 at the end of December. Properties bought by first-time buyers averaged £44,297.

The Halifax expects house prices to stabilise in the spring as the number of transactions increases, then to show some increases in the second half of the year. This would lead to a more sustained recovery in 1994, the society says.

There are approximately 225,000 unoccupied houses on the market that will need to be sold before the market can begin to recover.

Mortgage lenders have a stock of about 70,000 repossessed properties to sell. These properties can depress valuations in the wider market as valuers place cautious prices on houses and may use distress sales as guidance for a valuation.

Burton to cut 2,000 full-time workers

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

THE Burton Group is shedding almost 2,000 jobs, cutting a huge swathe through the London headquarters and increasing sharply the number of part-time staff employed by the fashion retailer.

The cuts will save between £10 million and £15 million a year, depending on how many of the 1,000 full-time shop workers who will lose their jobs opt to take redundancy and how many decide to work part-time. A total of 933 people, including two main board directors, will also go at Burton's Oxford Street head office, representing a quarter of those employed there.

The shop workers will be replaced by 3,000 part-time staff, employed at the same hourly rates as full-timers. The company is also standardising employment terms and benefits at each of its nine trading subsidiaries. Salaries will not be cut, said John Hoerner, the chief executive, but he accepted that some employees' take-home pay would shrink. No further shop closures were planned. The two directors losing their jobs are Geoff Powell, operations director, and John Davies, company secretary.

Frank Dobson, the shadow employment secretary, said: "It is a good job Burton's clothes are not as shabby as the way they are treating their staff." The move reduced employees' pay and cut their entitlement to benefits and job security, he added.

Officials from Usdaw, the shopworkers' union, will meet Burton today for talks.

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Federal Funds: 3¹³/₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills: 3.10-3.08%*
30-year bonds: 102³²/₃₂-102⁴/₃₂*

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RPI: 139.7 November (1987=100)
* Denotes midday trading price

MacGregor attacks airline subsidies

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

■ Britain complains fair competition among European airlines is impossible while state-owned carriers have access to government subsidies to bail them out

A CONCERTED attack on the continuing subsidies being paid to Europe's state-owned "flag carrier" airlines was launched yesterday by John MacGregor, the transport secretary, and Sir Colin Marshall of British Airways.

Speaking at a conference on airline liberalisation in Brussels, Mr MacGregor said it was too easy for national governments to see airlines as symbols of national prestige. "This leads to the promotion of national 'flag carriers,' their protection against competition from other airlines and their protection from commercial pressures by governments who are always ready to bail them out when things go wrong."

Cash injections to such airlines, including Air France, Alitalia, Lufthansa, Olympic and Iberia, on terms not available in the private sector, were unfair. State aid is forbidden under the Treaty of Rome but this is being widely ignored in the aviation industry. "We cannot allow the new single market in aviation to be distorted by state aids," he said.

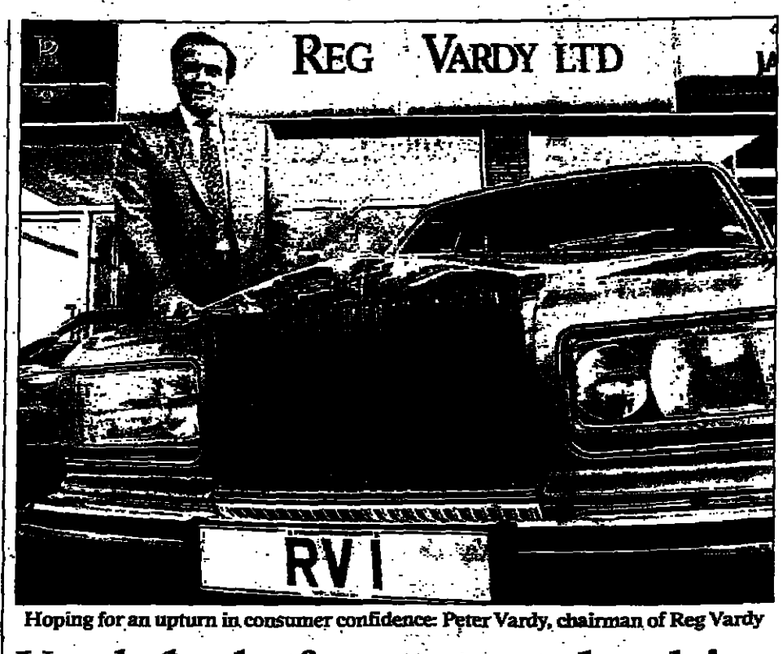
His views were echoed by BA's chief executive, who said fair competition was impossible because of preferential financial arrangements given to government-owned airlines. Sir Colin said: "Any injection of government funds should be examined thoroughly by impartial banking advisers appointed by the commission. Unless it can be established that the airline concerned is viable by normal commercial standards then money from government should be withheld."

Heavy-handed bureaucracy and lack of infrastructure were costing BA many millions a year and creating an air travel mountain. "Huge amounts of potential air transport production remain grounded because the means to get it into the air and into the hands of the consumer are artificially constrained." More airport capacity had to be provided.

Delays in air transport were costing Europe's economy £3 billion a year, he said. "If nothing is done that burden will increase to an annual £10 billion by the year 2000."

BA alone was burning 60,000 tons of additional fuel because its aircraft were forced to stack while waiting to land at Heathrow and Gatwick. "If the Community is prepared to invest heavily in high-speed rail links it should consider similar funding for improved air transport infrastructure."

☐ BA's European services from Heathrow and Gatwick airports will grow 23 per cent from the beginning of the 1993 summer season, Sir Colin said. British Airways Regional will produce 15 per cent more capacity on EC routes from Birmingham, Glasgow and Manchester.



Hoping for an upturn in consumer confidence: Peter Vardy, chairman of Reg Vardy

Vardy looks for strong sales drive

INTEREST rate cuts and the removal of special car tax came too late to help first-half sales at Reg Vardy, but the Tyne & Wear motor dealer expects them to boost demand for new vehicles this year (Philip Pangalos writes).

Lack of consumer confidence undermined business during the period and manufacturers' attempts to raise demand via price cuts made little impact on sales and depressed used car prices.

"This [price cuts] has not compensated for the consumer's loss of confidence and has served to undermine used values," said Peter Vardy, chairman.

After a £500,000 write-down on used car stocks, pre-tax profits fell 8 per cent to £1.85 million in the six months to end-October, despite turnover ahead 12.9 per cent at £108 million.

Earnings per share, on a greater number in issue, fell to 3.01p (4.22p), but the interim dividend is held at 1.3p. The shares fell 8p to 125p.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Savills moves back into the black at half time

SAVILLS, the estate agent and chartered surveyor, has returned to the black for the first time since 1990 despite continued gloom in the property market. The company reported pre-tax profits of £163,000 for the six months to the end of October compared with a loss of £762,000 last time. Turnover rose marginally to £11.9 million.

Savills has decided not to pay an interim dividend, given depressed market conditions, although George Inge, chairman, says it is "quite possible" a final dividend will be paid. The last dividend, paid in 1989, was 3.5p. Commercial profits were £250,000 against a £322,000 loss last time, largely due to increased ratings business relating to 1990 valuations on the uniform business rate. Losses in agricultural and residential fell from £512,000 to £176,000.

Trust bid closing date

THE Ecclesiastical Insurance Office's £44.1 million bid for St Andrew Trust, a smaller company investment trust, reaches its first closing date today. EIO, owned by Allchurches Trust, a registered charity, seeks to increase its holding from 40 per cent to more than half. Small shareholders complain that they have had only five working days in which to make up their minds. The trust's independent directors have refused to recommend the bid, which values the shares at 215p. They closed at 220p yesterday.

Abbey moves ahead

HIGHER interest receipts of Ir£772,000 (£738,109) against Ir£448,000, helped Abbey, the Irish housebuilder and plant hire group, to buck the trend with a 36.5 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to Ir£501,000 in the six months to end-October. The Dublin company made a trading profit of Ir£729,000, against a loss of Ir£81,000 last time, despite a decline in turnover to Ir£17.8 million (Ir£20.1 million). There is a Ir£1 million provision, reflecting a revaluation of a recently-let property and eps fell to 0.43p (0.63p). Again, there is no interim, but a final dividend is expected.

Credit card jobs to go

ABOUT 460 jobs are to be cut by First Data Resources, a credit card processing company. Volunteers will be sought before the company, which is based in Essex, considers compulsory redundancies. A spokeswoman said business in 1993 was not expected to be sufficient to keep existing staff busy. The workforce will be about 1,900 after the job losses. The Banking Insurance and Finance Union will be approaching local MPs to see if any action can be taken to save jobs. A meeting with the company is due to take place next Friday.

Sales rise at Kwik Save



DEREK Pretty, right, finance director of Kwik Save, the discount food retailer, told the company's annual meeting that sales in the first 18 weeks of the current trading year had risen by more than 15 per cent. Kwik Save's like-for-like sales growth falls to 8 per cent when turnover from its 17 new stores is stripped out. Mr Pretty said the group reserved the right to open on Sundays if competitive pressures made that necessary.

Funeral firm bought

GREAT Southern Group, the USM quoted funeral services company, has acquired 75 per cent of T J Davies & Sons (Funeral Directors), a family run business in Newport, Gwent, for £450,000. Great Southern has also bought a related property in Newport for £140,000 and has an option to acquire the remaining 25 per cent of T J Davies shares in November 1994. The acquisition complements three existing businesses in Cardiff and Gwent.

Druck earnings fall

DRUCK Holdings, the pressure-measuring devices manufacturer, saw pre-tax profits fall to £1.75 million (£2.4 million) in the six months to end-September and has held its interim at 3.4p a share. But healthy prospects for new orders left the shares 43p higher at 913p. Turnover slipped 6 per cent to £12.7 million (£13.5 million). Earnings per share declined to 18p (23.3p). Orders were 6 per cent ahead and have moved further ahead since September.

Christopher Stainforth

IN OUR business review of 1992 entitled "Billion-dollar man who came in from the cold" (December 28), we incorrectly stated that Mr Christopher Stainforth had been convicted of conspiracy to defraud in the Blue Arrow trial. In fact, Mr Stainforth was not convicted of any offence; we apologise to him for the mistake and for the embarrassment caused to him.

Air Canada brings hope to Continental

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

NEW life was breathed into Continental Airlines, the bankrupt US carrier, yesterday as aviation regulators allowed a foreign carrier to gain a majority voting stake through a partnership with American citizens.

Andrew Card, the outgoing transportation secretary, sanctioned a $450 million investment in the ailing carrier from Canada's largest airline, Air Canada, and an investment group called Air Partners formed by two American citizens.

The two companies will control 65 per cent of Continental's votes and 55 per cent of its equity. The deal is the first foreign airline investment approved since British Airways withdrew its $750 million alliance with USAir after strong indications that the deal would not get approval from Washington.

While BA's proposal was within the American limits of voting and equity, other parts of the deal raised questions over whether USAir would remain in control of US citizens. By combining with two American investors, the structure of Air Canada's deal raises no questions of American ownership.

Mr Card said: "This finding reaffirms the Bush administration's openness to foreign investment in US airlines."

Air Canada says it brought in Air Partners — controlled by 49-year-old David Bonderman and 32-year-old James Coulter — because of the its expertise in corporate reconstructions.

Mr Bonderman is a former Washington lawyer who served as chief counsel to Braniff International during that airline's restructuring. Mr Coulter was an analyst with Shearson Lehman, the stockbroker, where he was an analyst specialising in takeovers. Both are connected to the Bass organisation, an investment company run by Robert Bass, the Texas billionaire.

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Only 75 names join Lloyd's

Recruits far short of 1,750 who left

By Sarah Bagnall

ONLY 75 new names stepped forward last year to fill the gap left by the estimated 1,750 names who pulled out of underwriting at the Lloyd's market, the corporation revealed yesterday.

The number of new names has fallen dramatically since the peak recruitment years of the late 1980s and has dropped by more than a quarter over the last year from 105. However, the flood of names leaving the 300-year old market appears to be past is zenith — 3,928 names resigned from underwriting in the 1992 year of account. The changes are expected to reduce the total number of names to about 20,000 compared with 22,000 in 1992 and more than 28,000 in 1990.

David Rowland, Lloyd's new chairman, said that, as a result, the market's total underwriting capacity is expected to be between £8.5 billon and £9 billion, down from £9.83 billion, although market commentators believe it will be nearer the smaller figure. The final figure is expected in late April.

The average underwriting capacity of the new names is £470,000, which is the average underwriting capacity for the market as a whole, while the average of the resigned names is £31,300.

The council of Lloyd's yesterday approved the appointments of 16 members to the newly established regulatory board, which is to be responsible for developing regulatory practice and monitoring compliance throughout the society. The setting up of the board, which meets for the first time on Monday, was recommended in the Morse report published last year. Brian Garraway, a former deputy chairman of BAT Industries, is the board's chairman.

Among the members are four market practitioners, brought in to ensure that each part of the Lloyd's market has a voice. Paul Archard, managing director at Murray Lawrence and the 1992 chairman of the Lloyd's Underwriting Agents Association, will represent members agents; Richard Hazell, a director at Cater Allen and until this year a deputy chairman of the Lloyd's council, will represent managing agents; Anthony Howland Jackson, chief executive and deputy chairman at Hogg Group and a member of the Lloyd's insurance brokers committee, will represent brokers and George Lloyd-Roberts, a director at Lloyd-Roberts & Gilkes and last year's chairman of Lloyd's non-marine association, will represent underwriters.

☐ Underwriter Stephen Merrett, the new deputy chairman of Lloyd's, looks set to be sued by disgruntled names after they successfully raised a fighting fund.

Last month, more than 700 names from syndicate 418 were asked to dig into their pockets and provide £4.5 million, the first tranche of which is due today.

Clive Francis, administrator to syndicate 418 names' association, said this has been paid up, enabling the planned legal action to go ahead against Mr Merrett and the syndicate's auditor, Ernst & Whinney, now part of Ernst & Young.

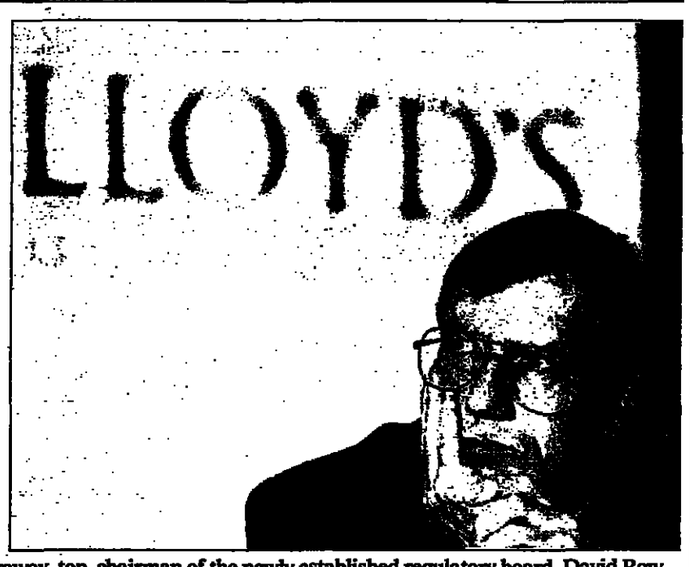
The proposed action against Mr Merrett is over his decision to insure US casualty risks, mainly pollution and asbestos.

There is some concern that the syndicate, which is a leading errors and omissions insurer providing cover for members' agents and accountants' professional indemnity, may have written insurance for the syndicate's own members' agent and auditor. However, the level is thought to be well below the 10 per cent maximum Lloyd's by-laws allow for self-insurance by a members' agent.

TIM BISHOP







Leading lights at Lloyd's: Brian Garraway, top, chairman of the newly established regulatory board, David Rowland, the new chairman of Lloyd's, bottom left, and Peter Middleton, the insurance market's chief executive

Builders brace themselves for more disasters

By Philip Pangalos

AFTER one of the worst years for the recession-torn construction industry, builders are now bracing themselves for more bankruptcies and job losses in 1993, according to a survey in today's *Building* magazine.

Almost one in five of 80 firms questioned in a Gallup trade poll believe that matters would get even worse this year. Most agree that 1993 will be tough. Some 55 per cent expect a higher rate of insolvencies, while 63 per cent believe that takeover activity will increase.

There is some optimism in the air, with 53 per cent of those questioned thinking that the UK construction industry would do "a little better" in 1993 following a three-and-a-half year slump which has seen more than 400,000 jobs lost.

But the survey warns that "meaningful recovery" was still some way off, with one in four firms not expecting an upturn until the second half of 1994. A third of the firms surveyed predict that the economic situation will stay the same, or get worse. Two out of five firms are planning to cut staff, with 83 per cent of materials producers predicting job losses. Housebuilders are the industry's optimists, with more than half expecting sales to be a little higher in 1993, while 45 per cent feel that house prices will improve a little in 1993.

"Housebuilding is the only area in the UK that is likely to show reasonable improvement this year," said Mark Hake, building analyst at Nikko, the Japanese stockbroker. Building material producers, however, are pessimistic, with 42 per cent predicting sales will fall by between one and 5 per cent over the next three months, while 11 per cent think sales will decline by over 11 per cent.

Appeal delays payout to creditors of BCCI

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

THE $3 billion compensation scheme for creditors in the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International has been thrown into doubt after three depositors appealed against the decision by the Luxembourg court to approve the proposals.

The appeal will delay an $800 million payment by the government of Abu Dhabi, BCCI's majority shareholder, into the compensation fund and cost depositors an estimated $1 million a week in lost interest.

The appeal could take more than six months before it comes to court and is likely to prevent Touche Ross, the liquidator, making any payment to creditors until early 1994, even though more than 90 per cent of BCCI depositors have voted in favour of the proposal. The appeal will also cost millions of dollars in additional liquidation and legal fees. Touche still has more than 150 staff working on the case. The appeal is led by Adil Elias, an engineering consultant from Florida, who has opposed the scheme throughout. The appeal document claims the plans "contravene the principle of equality among creditors" and accuses the Abu Dhabi government of illegally retaining documents on the bank. Mr Elias is supported by Hal Skolnik, a businessmen, and Assilaos Artiki, a Greek insurance broker.

The situation could throw the entire compensation scheme into doubt, since the agreement with the Abu Dhabi government expired in June and has been extended only as a gesture of goodwill.

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Cream for Unigate on revamp talk

THE sight of Unigate shares surging ahead by 20p to 330p yesterday left a distinct feeling of vertigo. It became more acute after BSN, the huge French food group, denied that it was making a bid for its British rival's dairy and fresh food assets.

Unigate is confronted by several uncertainties this year and a yield of 6.1 per cent, down from 7.5 per cent just a month ago, seems to be overdoing it just a touch.

Without the comfort of a bid from BSN, the biggest prop for the shares appeared to be talk in the market that a meeting was taking place yesterday that would lead to a restructuring to be announced in the St Ivel fresh foods business.

Market observers did not think the restructuring would be too extensive but were heartened that Unigate was taking action in an area of business that saw a fall in profits from £10.9 million to £7.3 million in the half year of trading to the end of September.

After trading closed, Unigate said it was to cut 80 jobs from its head office and factory at Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, its technical centre at Bradford-on-Avon and its computer centre at Trowbridge. The food industry faces the challenge this year of trying to pass on the inflationary effects of the 16 per cent devaluation of the green pound since September 16 — the so-called Black Wednesday — on to retailers.

Just to make it a really miserable 1993 for food manufacturers, the monetary compensation scheme, which used to adjust food prices at European borders for the difference between the green agricultural rates and the domestic rate against the ecu, was abolished when the customs signs came down at Dover on December 31.

This further increases the effective price paid by British food manufacturers for raw materials. But passing the increases down the food chain may prove difficult. The retailers feel that they have made strong productivity gains and may take the view that the manufacturers should attempt more of the same.

One wonders how much these thoughts have occurred to the investors who have bid up the food manufacturing sector to an historic dividend yield of less than 4 per cent, against a market average of 4.34 per cent, and to a price earnings multiple of 15.98, near the market average of 17.7.

For the year to March 31, Unigate is expected to make a same-again £93 million before tax and perhaps £101 million for the year to March 1994.

This leaves the shares on a price-earnings multiple of 11.98 and a yield of 6.1 per cent. The shares have risen in line both with the FTA food manufacturing index and the FT Actuaries All-Share index, which have stayed broadly in line since Black Wednesday.

Unigate shareholders should also bear in mind that the company will have to face up to life once the Milk Marketing Board's monopoly on milk distribution is scrapped in March 1994.

Big milk consumers such as Northern Foods and Unigate will be free to buy in milk from their own suppliers, but so far it appears that Christopher Haskins, Northern Foods' chairman, has made greater strides towards taking advantage of the free milk market.

Unigate will have to work hard if it is to emerge from the Milk Marketing Board's monopoly with a financial advantage.

MICHAEL POWELL



Cheery prospect: George Inge, of Savills, announced that the firm was back in profit

Savills

A RECOVERY story in the property sector is as rare these days as an accurate Treasury forecast.

But Savills, the estate agent and surveyor, has provided just that. Yesterday, the company, which is chaired by George Inge, declared itself back in the black for the first time since 1990. It is unlikely to fall into losses again and can sit tight until the market begins to recover.

Unlike many others in the sector, Savills has taken the necessary action to survive in the recession. It has cut costs ruthlessly — essential for a business with high fixed costs — by laying off staff and closing branch offices. Having swallowed the unpleasant medicine, it can now declare itself fit and well.

The company is in a strong cash position, with a net cash balance of £2.6 million expected at the end of the financial year. So shareholders who have been patiently waiting for a dividend payment since 1990 may find their vigil is almost over.

There is no dividend this time, but there may be one at the year end. It is unlikely to be much more than 1p, but those who hold shares in the property sector will count that as a success.

STOCK MARKET

Bumpy ride for Airtours over Owners Abroad bid

By Michael Clark

AS THE City settled in for what could be a bruising, but potentially lucrative, takeover battle, shares in Airtours, the holiday operator that on Wednesday launched a hostile bid for its bigger rival Owners Abroad, slid 11p to 291p.

This is just 3p above the price at which the cash portion of the offer has been underwritten. It is thought this was completed last night though possibly not without some difficulty, market sources said.

The fall reflects fears that Airtours may end up overpaying for Owners, which the company needs to acquire to become the second-biggest holiday business in Britain. At the current price the all-share element is worth 109p a share, against a price for Owners last night of 122p, up 2p.

Institutions were piling into the shares hoping for a rival bid from the German-owned Thomas Cook. Phillips & Drew Fund Management announced the purchase of 2.2 million shares at well above the price on offer, bringing its full holding to 9 million, or 5.5 per cent, and other investors were known to be buying.

Meanwhile, leading shares appear to have run ahead of events and are due for consolidation. Marked down in early trading on the back of a weaker financial future and before the Bundesbank meeting, prices later rallied on the news that the Germans had cut their repo rate. The FT-SE 100 index, down 20 points at one stage, eventually closed 9.5 lower at 2,816.5. By contrast, the FT-SE Mid index of top 250 shares closed 21 up at 2,940.3 as Smith New Court launched a futures contract linked to its performance.

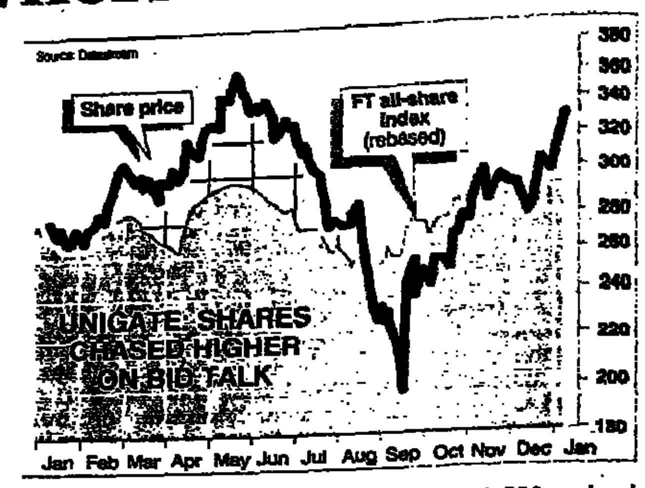
Institutions spent much of the session seeking better-quality second-line shares that have been left behind. Stock shortages exaggerated some of the movements. Stavely was a case in point, up 22p at 267p.

Among the leaders, Fisons eased 5p to 242p on talk of a profits downgrading by James Capel, the broker, and Pearson, the publisher, fell 20p to 370p after Smith New Court turned cautious of the shares.

Unigate, the dairy products and transport group, attracted speculators, rising 20p to 330p on talk of a bid from BSN, the French food group. BSN is Europe's largest dairy products group but has little exposure in Britain. The rumours were treated sceptically by analysts and eventually denied by BSN. Unigate has scheduled a meeting with brokers for next week.

Stock shortages lifted Booker, the subject of a Kleinwort Benson recommendation, 26p to 434p and Hazlewood 7p to 169p. One institution trying to pick up stock in a thin market lifted Geest, the banana importer, 30p to 405p.

Kwik Save Discount, the food retailer, ran into profit taking, easing 3p to 800p.



BAA fell 18p to 758p on talk of a profits downgrading by joint broker Hoare Govett after this week's disappointing traffic figures from British Airways. Dealers also fear the group's duty-free shops will be hurt by the EC lifting customs limits for wines, spirits and tobacco.

The group told shareholders that sales during the first 18 weeks of the current year have risen 15.5 per cent.

Burton, the fashion retailer, hardened 1½p to 80p on plans to shed almost 2,000 jobs. About 1,000 would go at its stores and 933 at headquarters, but 3,000 part-time jobs would be created.

Laporte, the chemicals group, eased 3p to 610p, as brokers continued to ponder the group's decision to join the battle for Evode, the Evostik adhesives group. Earlier this week, Wassall, 2p firmer at 209p, raised its offer for Evode from 80p to 95p a share. Laporte tried to buy 10 per cent of Evode at 100p a share. Evode firmed 1p to 106p.

New York — Shares were mixed in early trade, with the Dow Jones index off 4.59 points at 3,300.57 in early afternoon.

☐ Tokyo — The market opened firmer with the Nikkei index fluctuating until mid-morning when funds began to buy actively. The Nikkei peaked at 17,058.19, before profit-takers moved in and it closed 1.9 points lower at 16,780.98. *(Reuter)*

	Jan 7 midday	Jan 6 close
AMP Inc	58	58
AMR Corp	69	67
Abbott Labs	28	28
Aetna Life	47	47
Ahmanson (HF)	18	18
Air Prod & Chem	47	47
Albertson's	49	49
Alcan Aluminium	17	17
Alco Standard	37	37
Allied Signal	58	59
Alum Co of Am	72	72
Amax	16	16
Amerada Hess	45	45
Amer Brands	37	37
Amer Cyanamid	56	57
Amer El Power	32	33
Amer Express	25	25
Amer Genl Corp	56	56
Amer Home Pr	65	64
Amer Intl	114	115
Amer Stores	43	43
Amer T & T	52	51
Ameritech	71	71
Amoco	50	50
Anheuser-Busch	58	58
Apple Computer	61	61
Archer Daniels	27	27
Arkla	8	8
Armco	8	6
Armstrong Wrld	31	32
Asarco	26	26
Ashland Oil	29	29
Atl Richfield	113	114
Auto Data Pro	52	53
Avery Dennison	28	28
Avon Products	53	53
Baker Hughes	19	19
Baltim Gas & El	23	23
Banc One	51	52
BankAmerica	45	46
Bank of NY	53	53
Bankers Tr NY	68	69
Barnett Banks	41	41
Bausch & Lomb	53	53
Baxter Intl	30	30
Becton Dickinsn	76	77
Bell Atlantic	51	51
BellSouth	52	52
Black & Decker	18	18
Block (H&R)	39	39
Boeing	40	40
Boise Cascade	21	20
Borden Inc	29	29
Bristol Myrs Sq	63	65
Browning Ferris	26	26
Burlington Nthn	44	44
CBS	188	188
CNA Financial	95	96
CPC Intl	47	48
CSX	72	71
Campbell Soup	40	41
Can Pacific	13	13
Cptl Cities ABC	496	497
Cptl Holdings	72	72
Carolina Pwr	54	54
Caterpillar	57	55
Central & SW	29	29
Champion Intl	28	29
Chase Manhat	28	28
Chemical Bk	38	38
Chevron Corp	69	69
Chrysler	36	36
Chubb Corp	86	87
Cigna Corp	59	58
Citicorp	21	22
Clorox	46	46
Coastal Corp	23	23
Coca Cola	41	41
Colgate-Palmolive	55	55
Columbia Gas	18	18
Commonw Ed	24	24
Compaq Comp	49	49
Comp Ass Int	21	20
Conagra	32	32
Cons Edison	32	32
Cons Nat Gas	45	45
Cons Rail	49	48
Cooper Inds	49	49
Corning Inc	38	38
Crown Cork	39	40
Dana Corp	48	48
Dayton Hudson	75	74
Deere	45	43
Delta Air Lines	52	51
Deluxe Corp	46	46
Detroit Edison	32	32
Digital Equip	36	35
Dillard Dept St	48	47
Disney (Walt)	43	44
Dominion Res	38	39
Donnelley (RR)	32	32
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	57	57
Dow Jones	29	28
Dresser	17	17
Duke Power	35	36
Dun & Bradstreet	59	58
Du Pont	49	48
Eastman Kodak	42	42
Eaton Corp	80	80

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Emerson Elec	55	55
Engelhard Corp	35	35
Enron Corp	46	45
Ensearch Corp	32	33
Ethyl Corp	29	28
Exxon	62	61
FMC Corp	50	50
FPL Group	38	38
Federal Express	55	55
Fed Nat Mtge	77	77
First Chicago	37	37
First Interstate	40	40
First Union Rty	9	9
Fleet Finl Grp	32	32
Fluor Corp	43	42
Ford Motor	45	44
GTE Corp	34	34
Gannett	52	52
Gap Inc Del	32	32
Gen Cinema	30	30
Gen Dynamics	104	105
Gen Electric	86	86
Gen Mills	68	68
Gen Motors	34	34
Gen Reinsurance	117	115
Gen Signal	62	62
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	61	61
Gillette	54	55
Glaxo ADR	22	22
Goodrich (BF)	49	49
Goodyear Tire	70	69
Grace (WR)	39	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	24
Great Wstn Fin	16	16
Halliburton	28	28
Heinz (HJ)	43	44
Hercules	65	64
Hershey Foods	47	47
Hewlett Packard	72	72
Hilton Hotels	45	44
Home Depot	64	63
Homestake	10	10
Honeywell	34	33
Household Intl	57	57
Houston Inds	45	45
Humana	20	20
ITT Corp	71	71
Illinois Tool	67	67
INCO	22	23
Ingersoll Rand	31	30
Inland Steel	22	22
Intel Corp	102	98
IBM	48	48
Intl Flav & Fr	106	104
Intl Paper	65	65
James River Va	18	18
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	46	46
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	65	65
Kerr-McGee	44	44
Kimberly-Clark	61	61
Knight-Ridder	59	59
Lilly (Eli)	59	59
Limited Inc	28	29
LIN Brdcstng	76	75
Lincoln Nat	71	72
Litton	46	45
Liz Claiborne	42	41
Lockheed Corp	55	55
Louisiana Pac	63	62
MCI Commun	40	40
Marriott	21	21
Marsh & McLen	90	90
Martin Marietta	68	68
Masco Corp	31	31
May Dept St	70	70
Maytag Corp	14	14
McCaw Cellular	33	33
McDonalds	48	49
McDonnell D	51	50
McGraw Hill	60	60
Mead Corp	39	38
Medtronic	88	89
Mellon Bk	52	52
Melville Corp	53	53
Merck Inc	41	42
Merrill Lynch	59	58
Minnesota Mine	99	99
Mobil Corp	63	63
Monsanto	57	55
Morgan (JP)	64	65
Motorola Inc	108	108
Natl Medical	11	12
Natl Semi	11	11
Natl Service Ind	26	27
Navistar Inf	2	2
NBD Bancorp	32	32
NY Times A	27	27
Newmont Mng	40	40
Niag Mohawk	19	19
Nike B	82	81
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	38	38
Norfolk Sthrn	64	63
Nthn State Pwr	43	43
Norwest Corp	43	43
Nynex Corp	85	84
Occidental Pet	17	17
Ohio Edison	22	23

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Oracle Systems	30	30
Oryx Energy Co	18	19
PNC Financial	58	58
PPG Industries	66	66
Paccar Inc	58	59
Pacificorp	19	20
Pac Enterprises	19	19
Pac Gas & Elect	32	32
Pac Telesis	43	44
Pall Corp	19	19
Panhandle East	17	17
Paramount Comm	47	47
Parker Hannifin	31	31
Penney (JC)	75	76
Pennzoil	49	50
Pepsico	39	40
Pfizer	67	68
Phelps Dodge	50	50
Philadel Elec	26	26
Philip Morris	73	71
Phillips Pet	24	25
Pitney-Bowes	39	39
Polaroid	28	29
Price Co	36	35
Primerica	49	49
Procter & Gmbl	52	52
Pub Serv E & G	30	30
Quaker Oats	65	64
Ralston Purina	47	48
Raychem Corp	38	40
Raytheon	51	52
Reebok Intl	34	34
Reynolds Metals	58	56
Roadway Svcs	69	70
Rockwell Intl	29	28
Rohm & Haas	54	54
Royal Dutch	81	81
Rubbermaid	31	32
Safeco Corp	58	57
St Paul's Cos	77	77
Salomon Inc	37	37
Santa Fe S Pac	13	13
Sara Lee Corp	28	28
Scecorp	43	43
Schering Plough	59	60
Schlumberger	59	58
Scott Paper	36	36
Seagram	25	25
Sears Roebuck	46	45
Shell Trans	51	51
Sherwin Wims	30	30
Skyline Corp	21	21
Snap-On-Tools	31	31
Southern Co	39	38
Sthwestern Bell	74	73
Sprint Corp	26	26
Stanley Works	42	42
Sun Company	27	28
Suntrust	44	44
Supervalu	32	31
Syntex Corp	22	22
Sysco Corp	28	28
TRW Inc	58	57
Tandem Comp	16	16
Tandy Corp	30	30
Telecom Corp	1	1
Teledyne	20	20
Temple Inland	50	50
Tenneco	40	40
Texaco	59	59
Texas Inst	54	53
Texas Utilities	42	43
Textron	44	44
Time Warner	29	29
Times-Mirror	31	31
Timken	26	26
Torchmark	56	57
Toys R Us	38	38
Transamerica	47	48
Travelers Corp	26	26
Tribune	50	49
Tyco Labs	43	44
UAL Corp	130	123
UST Inc	30	31
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	103	103
Union Camp	46	46
Union Carbide	16	16
Union Pacific	60	59
Unisys Corp	10	10
USAIR Group	14	14
USF&G Corp	12	12
US Life	36	36
US West	39	38
United Tech	49	49
Unocal Corp	24	24
Upjohn	30	31
VF Corp	53	53
Wal-Mart Stores	59	61
Warner-Lambert	65	66
Waste Mgmnt Inc	39	39
Wells Fargo	76	75
Westinghouse El	14	14
Weyerhaeuser	38	38
Whirlpool	44	44
Whitman	14	14
Winn Dixie	76	76
Woolworth	31	32
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	33	33
Xerox	85	85

RISES:

Gerrard Nat	365p (+10p)
L Joseph	353p (+18p)
Rubicon	123p (+23p)
Bristol	298p (+10p)
Blenheim Group	515p (+11p)
Scholl	220p (+10p)
Simon Eng	125p (+14p)
Staveley	267p (+22p)
Smiths Ind	393p (+12p)
Takeda Chem	712p (+77p)
Vosper Thorny	449p (+11p)
Whatman	480p (+10p)
Liberty Life	827p (+46p)
Boosey Hawkes	970p (+20p)
LWT	282p (+12p)

FALLS:

Standard Chart	586p (-13p)
Bass	621p (-13p)
Wellcome	944p (-21p)
Airtours	291p (-11p)
Euro Disney	713p (-12p)
First Leisure	330p (-13p)
Pearson	370p (-20p)

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Critchley Group (220)	258	+5
Foreign & Col PEP Inv Tst	104	+1
Hoare Gvt Smlr Co Index	102	...
Hunters Armley (90)	111	...
Intl Food Machinery (51)	66	-2
Jos Holdings Capital	40	...
Jos Holdings Income	94	...
Jos Zero Div Pf	110	...
National Express (165)	193	+2
OIS Intl Inspection (50)	52	...
Prime People Warrants	1	...
Second Consolidated Tst	93	...
Tadpole Technology (65)	178	-1
Tepnel Diagnostics (120)	195	...
Wetherspoon (J.D) (160)	230	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Hillsdown n/p (35)	3	...
Learmonth & Burchett n/p	25	...
Lonrho n/p (85)	¼	...
Melville n/p (5)	¾	...
Property Trust p/p (25)	16	...
Regal Hotel n/p (2)	1¼	...

ATTEMPTS at a rally in the bond market, after the Bundesbank's decision to cut its repo rate, proved short-lived. Prices opened cautiously, with investors not holding out much hope of a cut in German interest rates. The subsequent reduction in the repo rate brought some cheer and prices managed to claw back earlier losses. But profit-taking later developed, particularly at the longer end, where Treasury 9 per cent 2012 dipped seven ticks to £101 11/16.

Losses at the shorter end were minimal, with Exchequer 9¾ per cent virtually unchanged at £109 11/16, and this enabled the government broker to supply tranches of the new tap, Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998, issued last week.

On the futures market, the long gilt touched £101 3/16 before finishing ten ticks lower at £100¾.

1992 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	99	...	6.02	6.51
100	97	Treas 8¼% 1993	100	...	8.24	6.89
101	99	Treas 10% 1993	100	...	9.91	6.78
104	100	Treas 12½% 1993	103	...	12.12	6.50
107	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	106	-	12.97	6.62
102	96	Treas 8½% 1994	102 †	...	8.32	6.55
104	98	Treas 9% 1994	103	...	8.66	6.76
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	104	...	9.57	6.67
110	102	Exch 12½% 1994	108	...	11.51	6.79
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	108	...	12.48	6.70
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	108	-	13.36	6.73
95	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	94	...	3.19	5.60
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.52	6.91
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	109 †	...	10.95	6.92
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	...	11.12	7.00
104	96	Treas 9% 1992-96	100 †	...	8.99	7.02
110	98	Conv 10% 1996	109	...	9.16	7.22
119	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	...	11.31	7.39
119	109	Treas 14% 1996	117 †	...	11.88	7.34
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	123	...	12.40	7.33
112	100	Exch 10½% 1997	110	...	9.46	7.35
122	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	119 xd	...	11.06	7.47
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
107	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	105	...	8.28	7.28
134	117	Exch 15% 1997	129	+	11.59	7.57
99	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	+	6.89	7.20
111	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	+	8.89	7.40
121	107	Exch 12% 1998	119	-	10.08	7.87
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	134	+	11.49	7.82
111	97	Treas 9½% 1999	109	-	8.72	7.62
113	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	113	-	9.07	7.77
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	112	-	9.23	7.72
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	-	10.15	7.97
109	94	Conv 9% 2000	106	-	8.43	7.77
128	114	Treas 13% 2000	126	-	10.29	8.26
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	110	-	9.03	8.18
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	126	+	11.09	7.91

1992 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
111	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	109	-	8.91	8.33
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	110	-	9.01	8.43
69	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	68	-	5.08	7.62
107	95	Conv 9½% 2004	107	-	8.85	8.52
120	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	117	-	9.77	8.48
109	96	Conv 9½% 2005	107	-	8.85	8.56
128	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125	-	9.92	8.75
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
97	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	95	-	8.34	8.56
100	89	Treas 8½% 2007	96	-	8.81	8.67
122	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120 †	-	9.78	8.71
104	93	Treas 9% 2008	102	-	8.77	8.69
135	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133	-	10.13	8.78
95	85	Treas 8% 2009	93	-	8.55	8074
103	93	Conv 9% 2011	102 †	-	8.82	8.78
72	65	Treas 5½% 2008-12	71	-	7.72	8.53
92	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	90 xd	-	8.55	8.71
130	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	127	-	9.40	9.04
		UNDATED				
29	24	Consols 2½%	29	-	8.50	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	28	+	8.81	...
35	29	Treas 3%	34	...	8.68	...
63	50	Conv 3½%	61	...	5.67	...
45	39	Consols 4%	44 xd	-	8.98	...
40	35	War Ln 3½%	39	...	8.87	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
132	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	-	0.20	2.01
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	195	-	2.02	2.31
162	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	159	-	3.25	3.58
158	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	155	-	3.36	3.64
162	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	160	-	3.50	3.71
147	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	145	...	3.62	3.82
152	125	Treas IL 2½% 2011	150	...	3.65	3.83
126	106	Treas IL 2½% 2013	123	...	3.65	3.83
139	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	131 †	+	3.67	3.83
128	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	126	+	3.70	3.86
108	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	104	+	3.75	3.88

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Spectres round Lilley's sickbed

Hill Samuel and its parent TSB seem to be as inept in reining back their commercial bank lending as they were in expanding it. The collapse of rescue plans for Lilley for the sake of a relatively modest increase in exposure by Hill Samuel contrasts strongly with Barclays' behaviour over the Imry property group, where Barclays wrote off nearly £200 million and kept the main company going. The calculation for banks must, however, be a commercial one: that they are likely to secure more of their loans by offering patience and support for refinancing than by giving up at the bottom of the market. Hill Samuel and National Australia Bank's similarly sceptical Clydesdale subsidiary disagreed. No blame attaches to them for the collapse of Lilley and the potential loss of 2,000 jobs in viable trading subsidiaries with £100 million of contracts.

There have been plenty of instances during the recession of banks pulling the rug from under businesses, usually small businesses, by withdrawing facilities or imposing impossible new conditions on them. In other cases, selfish banks in a syndicate have been unwilling to ease terms to keep a company in temporary dificulties afloat. Neither of these appears to be the case with Lilley. Rather, lenders were being asked to provide some new money to make up a large deficiency of equity capital. That is not their responsibility, although it is often commercially sensible for them to act as surrogate shareholders, and might well have been in this case. Banks may have more to lose than shareholders from insolvency. That does not shift the responsibility from a board and the members of a company to keep it afloat if they think that is a proper use of risk capital.

Leading shareholders were willing to provide more money for Lilley, but not enough to make the group solvent. Either the board could not make a strong enough case or it did not act early enough to trawl all potential sources of new equity. If a bank does not care to fill that gap, its commercial judgment may be challenged, especially if it rocks the boat when most other banks and those with more at stake think otherwise. It does not carry some ill-defined moral blame for the economic damage.

Clearing the air

Lloyd's is likely to trade in the 1993 underwriting year with about 20,000 underwriting Names, compared with 28,000 operating in 1990. The drop in capacity will be nothing like so startling, but still worrying. While fewer Names have resigned, or been forced to resign, the intake of new blood has been reduced to a trickle of 75, against 105 a year ago. That is hardly surprising given the horror stories, rows, threats and lawsuits that filled last year. For all the rationalisations about removing excess capacity and the temptations it brought to professionals, Lloyd's will enter the upturn in the insurance cycle in a relatively weaker state.

There is a new feeling in the air in Lime Street, albeit too late to affect sentiment among potential 1993 Names. The arrival of a new team has much to do with this. David Rowland, the new chairman, and Peter Middleton, his refreshingly unbureaucratic new chief executive, have symbolically ended the defensive phase forced on their predecessors, who had to fight tough for the market's survival. While many Names are suffering grievously, Lloyd's can now be more flexible in helping them. Yesterday, Lloyd's also set the seal on separation of regulation from market management by completing its new regulatory board under Brian Garraway, long-time finance director of BAT. The suspicious may question its composition, including four representatives of the professional groups, but the board's clear focus on regulation should help rebuild Names' confidence. That is vital. An influx of new Names is the best way to sustain long-term capacity.

Burton pursues part-time workforce in search of a full-time recovery

While some see part-time work as the route out of recession, others claim it is a cynical cost-cutting exercise, writes **Philip Bassett**



Wrapped up in less work: as now, part-time employment grew as Britain climbed out of the last recession

For 1,000 Burton workers whose redundancies were announced yesterday, the recession looks far from over. But the clothing chain's creation at the same time of 3,000 part-time jobs underlines a little-noticed trend at a time of rising overall unemployment — a marked increase in part-time work that may, as it did a decade ago, preface economic recovery.

Labour and the trade unions attacked Burton's move. Frank Dobson, shadow employment secretary, said it was "a good job Burton's clothes are not as shabby as the way they are treating their staff", while Usdaw, the shopworkers' union, whose officials will meet Burton's today for talks on the job losses, made clear its concern about the move from full- to part-time employment.

The shift to part-time work is attractive to companies for a raft of financial, operational and legal reasons. Firstly, part-timers cost less. According to official government New Earnings Survey figures, average weekly pay for a part-time male worker is £51.40: a company can get five of them, with more hours of work in total from them, for the price of the £288.90 listed for an equivalent full-timer.

Their secondary costs are less, too — especially employers' national insurance contributions. NI payments are currently triggered when an employee's gross earnings rise above an annually-set lower earnings limit. The current figure of £54 a week is significantly just a little above the male part-time earnings figure — suggesting that no NI is due for male part-timers at least.

Most part-timers, of course, are women — 4.6 million women to 1.1 million men — and women's earnings are broadly lower than men's. Currently, average weekly earnings for women stand at £241.10, compared to £340.10 for men. For many companies, especially in light manufacturing and the service sector, part-time women workers are traditionally a far more cost-effective use of labour.

Getting rid of part-timers is easier for employers, too. Crucially, part-timers working fewer than 16 hours a week are not entitled to any statutory redundancy payments. Forty per cent of all part-time women workers, according to the New Earnings Survey — which itself is seen by some as having an unsatisfactory coverage of part-timers — work for 16 hours or less. Such legal and financial points are important for employers (and irritating to full-time workers and their unions, many of whom have traditionally seen part-time work as unfairly disadvantaged and as undercutting the position of full-timers). Companies that move a number of employees from full-time to part-time work will clearly reap a substantial saving — important during a long and hard recession. But an overriding attraction of part-time work to companies is greater workforce flexibility. A familiar sight as one walks along a high street is that of shop assistants hanging around inside stores, waiting to pounce on those potential customers that may happen by. Necessary, of course: customers need to be serviced, and sold to. But customer demand is uneven, with clear peaks and troughs. Burton said yesterday that its peak demand levels are between 11am and 4pm on weekdays (lunchtime and general shopping) and on Saturdays; its available labour force needed to be adjusted to that pattern.

Along the high street, Burton may be slow off the mark in doing that. The company said yesterday that before the changes it was announcing, it had 18,091 full-timers and 17,873 working part-time. Compare that to say, Marks and Spencer. M&S has nearly twice the number of part-timers as full-timers: 35,668 compared to 19,522. Being able to bring in part-timers to work only Saturdays, for instance, or to meet peak demand periods and store locations, gives stores such as M&S considerable flexibility to meet customers' changes in demand. Similarly, two thirds of the 90,000 staff at Sainsbury's is made up of part-timers. But the idea of workforce flexibility, which gained real ground in the eighties, is firmly embedded not just in retailing, but throughout much of British industry.

A new study* to be published next week by the Institute of Public Policy Research, the left-of-centre think tank, will suggest that only a third of all British employees now work a standard, 9-to-5, Monday-to-Friday week — though this covers temporary and shift workers, as well as part-timers.

Employees, especially women workers trying to juggle the often-conflicting demands of home, family and job, often like working part-time — using part-time jobs to fit work into their lives. According to research for the British Social Attitudes survey, 68 per cent of people in Britain believe that women should work part time, but only when her children have started school. The proportion believing that women with pre-school children should take on part-time work is much lower, at 26 per cent.

Many companies believe that in an environment where the customer is king, and where customer demand fluctuates, the most flexible workforce possible is necessary to meet that demand. While few companies followed the fully-flexible model of workforce organisation that was much-touted in the eighties, with a small core workforce and around it a galaxy of peripheral workers, including part-timers, drawn in as necessary to meet demand, it is clear that workforce flexibility has increased sharply over the last decade or so.

Britain is among the leaders of the industrialised world in this trend. Here, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, part-time work as a proportion of total employment rose from 16.4 per cent in 1979 to 21.8 per cent by 1990. By comparison, the proportion in Japan rose from 15.4 to 17.6 per cent, and in Germany from 11.4 to 13.2 per cent. In America, part-time work levels were all but static, edging ahead from 16.4 to 16.9 per cent.

Though Labour derided the trend as producing little but pin-money jobs, the Conservative government proudly pointed to its job creation record in the mid-eighties — largely part-time. After the huge labour shakeout in the recession of the early eighties, employment started to grow slowly but gradually from 1983 onwards. Part-time working led the way. In the four years from March 1983, part-time employment rose by more than 550,000. Even when unemployment started to rise again in this recession, part-time work kept on growing. From March 1990 to September last year, part-time employment in Britain rose by 137,000, while total UK employment increased by 1.2 million. Companies were shedding large numbers of employees but continuing to take on part-timers.

Take another high street retailer, John Lewis. On the basis of its employee numbers, the JL partnership does not adhere as closely to the concept of maximum workforce flexibility as some of its competitors. It has a much smaller proportion of part-timers.

In its Waitrose grocery chain, there are about 6,500 full-time staff and 5,500 part-timers, while across its department stores like Peter Jones and John Lewis shops there are more than 13,000 full-timers, compared to 4,000 part-time staff.

But if its overall proportions are still lower than others, John Lewis has seen a marked increase in its part-timers, even in the recession. From 1987 to 1991, its full-time workforce grew by 9.6 per cent. But the number of its part-timers, excluding all temporary workers, grew by much more — as much as 29.5 per cent.

Whether the overall increase in part-timers across UK business gives any indication about a recovery in the economy is open to question. Conservative supporters believe the continuing relative strength of part-time employment, and moves such as Burton's yesterday, indicate the imminence of economic recovery. Critics of the Conservatives believe that the continued small growth in part-time work simply indicates desperate family dependence upon it at a time when many male employees have been thrown out of their principal bread-winning jobs, that moves like Burton's are little more than a cynical attempt to cut costs by reducing employee pay and conditions, and that the recovery is as far away as ever.

What happens in the economy for the rest of this year may give some clue as to who is right. But with Labour warning yesterday of a quarter of a million jobs at risk, and total unemployment set to top 3 million over the next few months, those Burton employees managing to keep their jobs — albeit at the cost of switching from full- to part-time work — may well feel that they have been hit less hard than some in these tough times.

**About Time: the Revolution in Work and Family Time, by Patricia Hewitt. IPPR/Rivers Oram, £9.95.*

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Handicap for Rigby's golf

THERE is growing intrigue within the chemicals industry around rumours that BASF, one of the sector's leaders, may be about to take over ICI's polypropylene business. Bryan Rigby, BASF's managing director, who celebrates his 60th birthday tomorrow, has fuelled such speculation by admitting he is unsure as to whether he will now be able to seek the quieter life in the form of semi-retirement. He declines to comment on the version of events put forward by the rumourmongers, that with such a big project on his hands (the polypropylene acquisition), he will have little time left to improve his golf. "Obviously, there are rumours around," he says. Rigby, the deputy director general of the CBI for five years from 1978, and still a member of the CBI Europe Committee, is much happier to talk about his birthday. "I believe there will be a party for three or four dozen friends, but my wife is keeping me in the dark — I'll be taken there blindfolded." As for that other matter, a BASF announcement is expected soon.

Grounded

YESTERDAY'S front page story in the *Sun* about the imminent High Court tussle between Virgin Atlantic and its arch-rival British Airways may have an unpleasant spin-off for David Yelland, the newspaper's City editor. Yelland, who joined the Sun two-and-a-



half years ago, was due to leave in March to run the newspaper's New York bureau. To his horror, on the day that he broke a story guaranteed to make the two airlines hopping mad, he discovered his trip has been brought forward — to the end of next week. Much of yesterday was, he says, spent frantically trying to find a carrier willing to take him. "It has been suggested to me by Richard Branson and Lord King that I should leave the country immediately," quips Yelland, who is confident of finding a seat in the end. "Perhaps they will offer me a one-way ticket."

Call me Michael

BURSTING with entrepreneurial enthusiasm; 1,000 young Russian professionals are set to descend on British companies and institutions over the next three years under the Chancellor's Financial Sector Scheme. The brainchild of Norman Lamont, the scheme is intended to educate managers from the former Soviet Union, and primarily Russia, in the ways of the UK financial sector. Candidates are jointly funded by the the government's Know How Fund and participant companies, while the British Council is to administer the scheme. Among the first to arrive in the City is Mikhail Timonov, a specialist in long term credit and investment from Moscow's Tera Bank. Timonov, who prefers to be known as Michael among his English colleagues, will spend six months working at Close Brothers, the merchant bank.

Taxing role

YET more evidence that accountants are not nearly as boring as commonly thought. At the Sedgwick Centre on the outskirts of the City this week, 700 underprivileged children have been rolling up for Coopers & Lybrand's annual pantomime. Taking a star role in this year's production, *Dick Whittington*, is David Richards, a tax partner, who has had to endure a certain amount of ribbing from colleagues over his role as Idle Jack. The production has been further assisted by Mike Stillwell on keyboards and Chris Winslett on guitar. Meanwhile Richards, 41, has proposed each night to one of a handful of young girls brought on stage from the audience — and has been rejected every time.

CAROL LEONARD

BUSINESS LETTERS

Some suffer from interest rate cuts

From Mr David Cooke

Sir, Will the seven handpicked "wise" men (referred to on January 2) also be advising on how further reduction in interest rates will assist those who rely on interest income in order to maintain living standards?

A vast number of people now have capital received from redundancy and severance payments and "money purchase personal pension schemes". The personal pension schemes were actively encouraged by the present government. (Those who have been affected by redundancy or retired early, have been taken out of the job market, thus mitigating to some extent the increasingly high unemployment in the country.)

To these groups, it would appear cynical, on the part of government, if their interests were not taken into account by protecting this part of their incomes. There is an obvious need to achieve a balance in the economy, among all its other facets, between the needs of industry and commerce for fairer costs of borrowing and those of the providers of low-risk capital.

I suggest that the current base rate of 7 per cent is just compatible with these two aims but that a reduction to 5 per cent would mean hardship for pensioners relying on investment income. Hopefully, the seven handpicked men will not advise "handpicking" pockets in this way.

If they do, perhaps they could also advise these pensioners how they may replace their income loss, bearing in mind the current low activity job market.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID S. COOKE,
Hollyoaks Cottage,
Beech Way,
Blackmore End,
Wheathampstead,
Hertfordshire.

Major off the mark on rates

From Mr N.J. Daykin

Sir, On the front page of *The Times* (January 2) you report the Prime Minister's statement that interest rates are "at 7 per cent", this figure being part of a "benign combination of circumstances".

There may be an element of truth in the Prime Minister's percentage, but, in practice, is he not upwards of 1.5 percentage points off the interest rates charged by the lending institutions — about 20-odd per cent out?

When reviewing the state of the economy, can Mr Major try to give an APR? You know — base, plus charges, plus, well, what figures do the lenders have in mind?

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS DAYKIN,
6 Elveden Close,
Norwich.

P&O passenger figures are accurate

From Mr Ian Todd

Sir, Reference the report in *The Times* (January 1) headlined "P&O ends ferries on Dover-Boulogne run".

This report contains a quote from Stena Sealink describing our traffic figures as "wild and inaccurate". Our figures are absolutely correct. We said that we "carry three times as much traffic between Dover and France as our nearest competitor".

There are three "competitors" at Dover — P&O European Ferries, Stena Sealink and SNAT. Sealink is simply a marketing name covering two separate ferry operators — Swedish-owned Stena Sealink and French-owned SNAT.

Passenger carrying figures for 1992, collated from Dover Harbour Board, Calais and Boulogne chambers of commerce, P&O and Sealink show:

Dover-Calais:
P&O EF..... 7.4 million
Stena Sealink..... 2.62 million
SNAT..... 2.62 million
Dover-Boulogne:
P&O EF. 1.1 million (the vast majority of these will now transfer to P&O European Ferries' Dover-Calais service).

You can see that our total carryings Dover-France were 8.5 million. Sealink quotes a figure of 5.25 million which is in fact a combination of carryings by Stena Sealink and SNAT — two entirely separate companies.

Three times 2.62 is 7.86, less than our total of 8.5 million. It is therefore entirely true to say: "P&O European Ferries carries three times as much traffic between Dover and France as its nearest competitor".

Yours faithfully,
IAN TODD,
Head of Information,
P&O European Ferries Ltd,
Channel House,
Channel View Road,
Dover, Kent.

Shedding some new light on monetary value

From J. M. H. Wright

Sir, The absolute measure of monetary value may be beyond our reach, but I can offer you, and Mr Sozou (Business Letters January 6), one that could last out our time and more. Just pay me in kilowatt hours of electricity, deliverable from any national grid in the world, and tradable to a third party, and let me pay my bills with them.

If this were possible, governments would not dare to print money that they couldn't back. Nor would they dare to close down their real reserves of real wealth, since they could put a real figure on the value of coal and oil and other energy sources. My last year's income before I retired was about a quarter of a million units of Norweb's best. I would be content to keep it at that. If someone invents a process for generating electricity at half the current price, we will be twice as well off all round and our prices will show it.

If we start pricing our current activities in terms of usable energy, then we shall take saving seriously at last, while inflation could become impossible.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. H WRIGHT,
44 Broad Road,
Sale,
Cheshire.

Losers from Abbey share distribution

From Margaret Marshall

Sir, With reference to Mrs Margaret Clarke's letter (December 15) about two categories of people who lost in the original distribution of Abbey National shares, I can add a third category.

I was the first named signatory of a Charity account and felt honour-bound to give the charity the allocation.

I therefore had no shares myself; in spite of having three separate Abbey accounts of my own.

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET MARSHALL,
2 Cairnshill Avenue,
Belfast.

Shutting up shop for a long Christmas

From Mr Rodney D. Farmer

Sir, With reference to Mr Edward Addison's letter (January 5th) I would like to fully endorse his comments, and confirm that nearly all our Italian suppliers are also closed until January 11. Furthermore, the same applies to most of our German suppliers, many of whom closed on Friday December 18, 1992, making a full three week shutdown.

This has been the pattern for some years now, and it is totally exasperating to read or hear the annual media reports which appear to enjoy running down British industry.

Our own company Christmas shutdown, as I am sure, is the case for most other manufacturers, forms part of the annual holiday and is not "extra" holiday.

Perhaps a more positive attitude from everyone, and the media in particular, will ensure that we at long last see an end to the severe difficulties of the last three years.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY D. FARMER,
Joint Managing Director,
Interwood Limited,
Special Woodworking Machinery,
Stafford Avenue,
Hornchurch,
Essex.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	101.80	108.80	+0.50	1.73
International	74.17	78.90	+0.63	1.29
Dividend Gth	53.34	56.74†	-0.08	5.29
Global Gth Sec	58.67	62.41	+0.06	3.19
Ethical Growth	60.96	64.85	+0.84	2.98
High Inc Equity	141.30	150.50†	+0.50	5.65
Worldwide Bond	249.20	264.30	+1.00	4.73
Gilts Fixed Int	127.10	134.70†	...	7.05
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580. 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	40.76	43.11	+0.17	1.96
European	70.47	74.72	-0.33	..
European Inc	71.31	75.67†	-0.19	1.77
Exempt	359.70	387.40†	-4.80	3.45
Extra Inc	39.65	43.05†	+0.07	5.84
F East Emerg Ec	70.32	75.59	+0.09	0.48
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	355.90	380.40	-1.50	4.68
Equity Inc	199.10	212.80†	-1.30	4.81
High Yield	220.60	235.80	-1.00	4.64
Balanced	608.60	650.50†	+1.30	3.15
American Inc	43.39	46.38	-0.10	3.60
Wld Asset Val	34.70	36.66	+0.03	1.66
Japan	131.10	139.30†	+0.70	0.01
Secs of Am	396.90	422.60†	-0.90	0.35
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	302.00	321.30	-1.80	3.06
-do- Inc	216.40	230.30	-1.40	3.06
Higher Inc Acc	528.60	562.40	-0.10	4.34
-do- Inc	326.00	346.90	-0.10	4.34
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	167.50	176.90	...	7.16
-do- Inc	90.27	95.35	-0.04	7.16
Nth America	256.90	273.40	-1.10	...
Far East	233.20	248.10	+0.10	3.06
Europe	191.40	205.80	-1.00	1.33
General Inc	405.20	431.10	-2.20	2.70
-do- Acc	441.20	469.40	-2.50	2.70
Brit Excell	61.61	65.58	-0.29	3.15
Brit Fndmtls Inc	62.27	66.25	-0.11	4.96
Brit Fndmtls Acc	79.33	84.40	-0.14	4.96
Global Opps	63.55	67.61	+0.24	0.01
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	104.30	111.50	-0.70	3.29
Euro Gth Inc	102.30	108.30	-0.30	1.37
Extra Inc	98.55	105.40	+0.10	5.79
General	229.40	245.40	-0.50	3.56
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.28	58.24†	+0.07	9.07
Income	450.80	482.10	+0.70	5.19
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	87.42	92.82	+0.35	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	116.10	123.80	-0.40	...
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	48.05	51.38†	-0.06	7.60
Eastern	158.80	170.70	+1.10	1.70
Equity Income	71.99	76.58	-0.01	6.70
European Gth	204.70	217.60	-1.60	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	137.60	147.90†	-0.40	1.50
Exempt	78.70	80.90	...	3.80
German Growth	48.61	51.89	-0.24	0.80
Global Growth	99.27	106.10†	+0.30	...
Japan Growth	147.40	158.10	+1.20	...
Japan Sunrise	121.70	129.90	+1.70	...
Portfolio	110.00	117.60	-0.40	3.40
-do- Acc	194.40	208.00	-0.60	3.40
UK Growth	69.14	73.55	-0.47	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	67.96	72.68	+0.68	2.00
Select Managers	58.31	62.46	-0.19	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	98.14	104.96	-0.40	2.39
-do- Inc	89.89	96.14	-0.36	2.39
Global Bond	27.51	29.19†	+0.01	5.78
High Yield Acc	48.60	51.98	-0.15	4.52
-do- Inc	35.62	38.10†	-0.11	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	76.26	81.56	+1.12	1.81
-do- Inc	70.53	75.43	+1.04	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	52.52	56.17	+0.65	0.29
-do- Inc	51.54	55.12	+0.64	0.29
Euro Gth Acc	87.61	93.70	+0.11	1.78
-do- Inc	86.81	92.84	+0.11	1.78
Mngd P folio	31.19	33.36	+0.11	1.54
Pacific Growth	79.11	84.61	+0.14	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	75.52	80.77	+0.12	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	103.50	110.20	-0.90	4.00
Smaller Cos Acc	224.90	239.50	+2.70	...
Smaller Cos Inc	131.70	140.30	+1.60	1.64
High Inc	68.56	73.02	+0.13	6.44
Income	116.80	124.40	+0.20	4.66
Mngd P folio Inc	84.11	89.58	+0.73	2.32
-do- Acc	157.50	167.70	+1.40	...
North American	101.60	108.20†	-1.00	0.20
Orient	91.98	98.95	-0.27	...
Recovery	32.15	34.56†	+0.34	3.42
German	36.73	39.39	+0.03	0.10
Intl Recov	30.50	32.48	+0.05	0.24
European Inc	20.52	22.10	+0.10	0.51
Conv General	17.96	19.22†	+0.18	8.03
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	59.29	63.08	+0.84	1.67
-do- Acc	66.11	70.34	+0.94	1.67
Income Fund 5	201.60	214.30	-0.20	4.32
-do- Acc	458.40	487.70	-0.50	4.32
Inv Portfolio	64.48	66.82	-0.10	2.41
-do- Acc	72.23	74.85	-0.11	2.42
Smaller Cos	104.50	111.20†	+1.10	2.46
-do- Acc	125.40	133.50†	+1.30	2.46
High Inc P folio	56.28	58.32	-0.10	5.06
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	67.94	68.85	+0.01	6.04
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	128.00	136.20†	-0.70	1.72
UK Growth	139.40	148.40	-0.20	2.38
UK Income	117.10	124.60	+0.20	4.65
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	72.67	77.08	+0.05	1.07
Growth	43.44	46.21†	-0.13	3.29
Income	49.87	53.05†	+0.16	4.88
Far East	37.95	40.59	+0.05	0.37
North American	79.19	84.70	+0.21	0.01
Global	76.54	81.86	-0.19	1.16
European	59.72	63.87	-0.13	1.23
Japan	80.39	85.98	-0.13	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	54.37	57.62	+0.01	7.72
UK Cap Gwth	74.99	80.20	-0.07	2.62
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	123.90	131.80	+0.10	0.11
-do- Acc	131.70	140.20	+0.20	0.11
Eurogold	60.82	64.46	-0.21	1.10
-do- Acc	63.04	66.81	-0.22	1.10
Far East Gen	44.93	47.80	+0.17	...
-do- Acc	44.93	47.80	+0.17	...
Glenfinlas	219.60	233.70	-1.20	1.63
-do- Acc	246.80	262.40	-1.30	1.63
Growth	360.50	385.60	-1.50	2.63
-do- Acc	613.00	655.70	-2.50	2.63
Income Growth	357.20	380.10	-0.50	4.15
-do- Acc	467.40	497.30	-0.60	4.15
Master Portfolio	8989.0	9284.0†	-24.00	3.12
-do- Acc	10371.0	10716.0	-28.00	3.12
Special Sits	81.95	87.19†	-0.07	2.60
-do- Acc	95.92	102.03	-0.08	2.60
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1135.0	1171.0	-1.00	4.80
-do- Acc	1314.0	1355.0	-2.00	4.80
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	183.50	195.20	-0.40	1.59
Capital	510.70	543.00	-1.90	2.58
Eurotrack 100	119.10	126.60	-1.10	1.84
Euro Gth	71.16	75.81†	-0.48	2.07
Far East Growth	71.98	76.87†	-0.18	0.55
Global Bond	21.50	22.68†	-0.03	7.01
Hong Kong	61.47	65.68	-0.74	0.76
Income	479.00	511.30	+1.20	4.88
Intl Growth	64.64	68.98	-0.20	1.26
Japan Growth	186.70	199.20	+0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	23.81	25.43	+0.07	...
Japan Index	56.06	59.82	+0.05	0.40
Nth American	400.20	427.10	-1.30	1.05
S pore Mly Gth	45.32	48.36	-0.13	...
The Footsie Fd	104.40	110.20†	-0.60	2.59
Tiger Index	123.00	131.20	-0.40	1.08
Triple Index	94.92	101.30	+0.90	3.17
UK Index	117.70	125.60†	-0.40	3.43
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	77.56	82.81	-0.05	1.00
European P folio	64.14	68.20	-0.38	1.38
Japanese P folio	45.40	48.22	+0.45	...
Pacific P folio	78.91	84.06	+0.13	2.40
Cazenove P folio	64.69	69.19†	-0.09	3.00
UK Income Gth	59.24	63.48	+0.01	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	582.50	586.60	+21.00	5.08
Fixed Int	151.05	152.70	+2.85	9.50
Deposit	7.15	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	573.11	578.96	+19.44	5.16
-do- Acc	2209.5	2218.6	+70.60	...
Deposit	7.00	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.00	124.28	+2.69	9.33
-do- Acc	159.85	160.17	+5.07	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	60.43	61.61	-0.16	2.23
Beckman Intl	74.87	79.02	-0.89	5.05
Friars Hse Inc	169.58	181.45†	-1.87	6.79
Friars Hse Cap	246.31	263.55	+4.96	2.82
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	102.48	109.02	+0.60	0.23
European Gth	81.45	86.66	-0.21	1.78
Far East Gth	83.26	88.57	+0.40	0.20
Japan Gth Acc	30.98	32.96	+0.18	...
Managed	57.67	61.35	-0.26	3.25
-do- Acc	69.65	74.10	-0.31	3.25
Mthly Inc Plus	44.97	47.84	+0.03	8.90
Smaller Cos	29.77	31.67	+0.39	2.61
-do- Acc	32.27	34.86	+0.45	2.61
UK General	65.99	70.20†	-0.61	3.09
-do- Acc	79.14	84.19	-0.73	3.09
Wwide Bd	59.57	63.37	+0.01	6.17
-do- Acc	74.65	79.41	+0.01	6.17
Wwide Sp Sits	48.08	51.42†	+0.29	0.32
-do- Acc	49.98	53.45	+0.30	0.32
Quilter General	117.81	125.53	-0.69	2.51
-do- Acc	129.67	137.95	-0.76	2.51
Quilter Income	86.13	91.63†	+0.43	4.29
-do- Acc	106.14	112.91	+0.53	4.29
Quilter Intl	113.57	120.82	-0.12	0.35
-do- Acc	115.14	122.49	-0.12	0.35
Quilter UK Spec	65.66	69.85	+0.12	3.22
-do- Acc	86.87	92.41	+0.16	3.22
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	91.29	97.12	+0.03	2.29
Fixed Conv	39.14	41.64	+0.21	7.81
-do- Acc	100.38	106.79	+0.52	7.81
Equity Inc	137.63	146.41	-0.38	4.35
-do- Acc	434.48	462.21	-1.19	4.35
High Yield	109.38	116.36†	-0.32	5.46
-do- Acc	409.67	435.82	-0.84	5.46
Preference	45.25	48.14†	+0.90	8.36
-do- Acc	228.94	243.55	+4.58	8.36
PPT Europe	131.03	139.39	-0.34	0.93
PPT Global Bnd	76.67	81.56	+0.19	4.44
PPT Gold Com	42.79	45.52	+0.23	...
PPT Thai	51.78	55.09	+0.28	...
PPT Hong Kong	82.45	87.71	-0.43	...
PPT Japan	84.65	90.05	+0.55	...
PPT N Amer	138.50	147.34	+1.03	...
PPT S'pore Mly	91.83	97.69	-1.04	...
PPT UK	111.53	118.65	-1.76	1.63
PPT Cash	90.52	90.52	+0.01	5.34
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	64.65	68.78	+0.25	1.15
Japanese Acc	44.01	46.82	+0.33	...
UK Balncd Inc	119.50	127.10†	-0.60	2.52
-do- Acc	139.40	148.30†	-0.70	2.52
UK Growth Acc	197.70	210.30	-0.60	2.30
UK High Inc	125.60	133.60	-0.60	7.31
-do- Acc	148.30	157.80	-0.70	7.31
N America Acc	106.90	113.70	+1.30	0.34
European Acc	134.30	142.90	-0.50	0.49
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.34	62.97†	+0.15	9.75
-do- Acc	94.49	100.30	+0.30	9.75
Intl Sp Sits Acc	41.55	44.20	+0.30	0.26
Environment Opp	69.13	73.54	-0.08	1.51
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	100.80	107.10	-0.40	...
UK Smlr Cos	163.60	173.80	+0.30	1.44
Eurofund	34.03	35.97†	-0.22	1.11
Mngd Exempt	159.10	165.80	+1.30	3.17
Growth Inc	209.30	222.40	-1.20	4.05
High Dist	131.00	139.20	...	6.21
International	297.10	315.70	-0.90	1.03
Intl Income	72.66	77.56†	-0.19	3.35
Pacific	49.20	52.28	+0.29	0.57
Smllr Jap Cos	50.07	53.20†	-0.05	...
Tokyo	148.30	157.70	...	...
Japan Exempt	83.72	86.02	-0.42	0.58
Sm Jap Exempt	416.10	427.50	-11.80	0.12
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	154.60	164.40	-4.10	1.27
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	101.79	107.15	-0.05	3.82
High Income	113.59	119.50	+0.71	5.28
Tst of Inv Tsts	127.99	134.31	+0.27	2.85
Special Sits	78.67	82.81	+0.30	3.55
North American	101.10	106.42	+0.24	1.11
Far Eastern	186.78	196.61	-0.30	1.62
Intl Growth	82.75	87.11	-0.17	1.61
European	56.87	59.86	-0.23	2.29
Smaller Cos	62.43	65.72†	+0.30	2.69
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	206.00	217.40	+1.90	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00†	...	6.90
European Tst	96.74	102.90	-0.10	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	81.94	86.78	-0.36	0.92
Far Eastern	104.20	112.00	+0.20	...
Overs Income	78.91	84.36†	-0.03	3.21
UK Growth	87.36	93.43†	+0.06	0.14
UK Income	95.66	102.30	+0.50	4.33
US Smaller Cos	206.20	220.50	+2.00	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	410.10	438.50	+3.00	...
-do- Acc	419.00	448.00	+3.10	...
Capital	264.20	281.00	+2.80	2.53
-do- Acc	364.60	387.80	+3.70	2.53
Cosml Smllr Cos	40.35	43.52	+0.09	1.56
-do- Acc	41.79	45.02	+0.08	1.56
Convertible	103.50	109.80†	-0.20	6.80
-do- Acc	190.90	202.60†	-0.30	6.80
European	86.76	92.68	-0.20	1.13
-do- Acc	89.65	95.77	-0.20	1.13
Extra Income	267.70	284.70	+1.40	4.85
-do- Acc	368.80	392.20	+1.80	4.85
Financial	91.32	97.13	+0.58	0.91
-do- Acc	95.03	101.00	+0.60	0.91
Health Fund Inc	127.30	136.00	...	...
-do- Acc	127.30	136.00	...	...
Income Tst	166.30	176.80†	+0.20	4.49
-do- Acc	231.80	246.50†	+0.20	4.49
Intl Growth	288.30	307.70	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	319.90	341.70	+1.50	...
Japan Gen	121.00	129.60	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	122.20	130.90	+0.60	...
Mngd P folio Inc	84.22	88.65	+0.29	1.95
-do- Acc	86.97	91.54	+0.30	1.95
Monthly Income	132.10	140.50†	...	5.07
Recovery	262.70	280.90	+2.40	0.82
-do- Acc	306.40	327.60	+2.70	0.82
Gilt Gth Tst	59.92	61.79	+0.06	7.46
-do- Acc	75.22	77.57	+0.07	7.46
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	336.38	357.85	-1.69	2.90
-do- Acc	679.17	722.52	-3.42	2.90
Euro Gth Dist	93.82	99.81	-0.05	1.15
-do- Acc	96.62	102.79	-0.05	1.15
Fixed Inc Dist	126.20	134.02†	+0.23	6.94
-do- Acc	210.29	222.44†	+0.06	6.94
Intl Gth Dist	67.13	71.42†	-0.08	0.82
-do- Acc	68.44	73.87†	+0.07	0.82
Nth Amer Dist	156.84	166.48†	+0.86	0.71
-do- Acc	169.97	180.42†	+0.94	0.71
Pac Basin Dist	192.34	204.62†	+0.19	0.42
-do- Acc	195.20	207.86†	+0.19	0.42
Stewardship Dist	276.12	293.75	+3.13	2.05
-do- Acc	326.68	347.53	+3.69	2.05
Stwd Inc Dist	56.01	59.58	+0.62	4.13
-do- Acc	68.30	72.66	+0.76	4.13
N Am Stwd Dist	88.29	93.93†	+1.25	0.03
-do- Acc	93.46	99.43†	+1.32	0.03
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	134.50	143.90	+1.70	...
European	355.60	377.40	-2.60	1.02
Far East General	174.70	186.00†	+0.30	0.35
Germany	86.28	91.32	-0.22	0.44
Global Assets In	60.63	64.63	-0.17	2.32
Global Assets Ac	63.51	67.72	-0.18	2.29
Income	98.89	105.60	+0.30	7.48
International	224.30	239.90	-0.90	1.04
Intl Income	66.76	72.69†	-0.28	4.93
Japan General	274.00	290.00	-0.10	...
Smlr Cos Div	41.94	44.96†	+0.33	6.27
UK Capital Inc	144.10	154.20	+0.40	4.12
-do- Acc	244.40	261.40	+0.60	4.05
UK Spec Sits	63.02	67.41	-0.08	1.59
US General	100.30	106.80	+0.90	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	105.60	113.00	+0.30	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.16	45.09	-0.35	1.20
Cash Trust*	126.71	126.71	-0.02	6.92
Pract Inv Inc	95.01	101.89	-0.14	4.29
-do- Acc	202.83	217.51	-0.30	4.29
UK Smaller Cos	90.28	96.81	+1.58	2.06
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.62	25.26	-0.20	8.87
High Inc	28.98	30.99	-0.03	5.74
UK Equity Inc	121.58	130.03	+0.18	4.64
Intl Fxd Int	27.81	28.82†	...	5.93
International Funds				
Gold Intl	56.19	60.26	+0.53	1.92
Frontier Markets	36.84	39.51	+0.24	0.53
Global Inc Gth	110.39	117.85	+0.03	3.01
UK Intl	101.85	108.93†	-0.30	1.42
Overseas Funds				
American	119.38	127.49	+0.69	0.52
European	73.09	77.52	-0.40	0.90
Euro Sel Opps	83.16	88.44	-0.42	1.42
American Emerg	69.25	74.26†	+1.12	...
Hong Kong	89.34	95.81	-1.10	2.43
Japan	149.99	159.23	+0.58	...
Pacific Growth	123.89	132.86	-0.18	0.67
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	108.47	116.01	-0.36	0.95
American Gth	111.91	119.69	+0.82	0.39
European Gth	60.34	64.53	-0.48	0.82
German Horizn	42.22	45.05	-0.08	0.92
Japan Gth	57.08	61.05	+0.36	...
Pacific Inc	108.97	116.54	+0.49	3.22
Pacific Strategy	89.48	95.70	+0.61	...
UK Prog Inc	68.64	73.41	+0.05	6.11
Gt British Cos	45.96	49.16	-0.17	2.00
UK Small Cos	40.34	43.15	+0.63	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	129.40	129.40	...	6.67
Gilt Fixed	117.10	124.20	+0.20	6.62
Growth Equity	278.90	297.50	-1.20	2.48
Guardhill	409.50	437.40	-1.00	2.44
Income Trust	98.85	105.60†	-0.10	4.81
International	138.10	147.30	-1.00	0.16
Japan Trust	94.83	101.30	+1.10	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	235.10	251.10	+2.60	0.40
Pacific	299.80	320.20	+3.10	...
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	300.40	320.90†	+1.70	0.59
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838848				
Global Adv Inc	32.90	34.88	-0.10	1.79
-do- Acc	34.30	36.36	-0.10	1.79
Inc Adv Inc	27.72	29.39†	...	4.36
-do- Acc	28.58	30.30	...	4.36
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690398				
Canadian	58.69	62.87	-0.81	0.54
Equity Income	104.20	110.90†	-0.80	4.24
European	124.20	131.30	-0.90	1.57
Intl Situation	66.13	70.35	+0.16	...
Japanese	102.30	108.90	+1.00	...
North American	96.42	102.30†	+0.10	0.20
Scandinavian	97.60	103.20	-0.60	0.60
Smaller Cos	28.29	30.10	-0.30	2.76
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	86.83	92.86	-0.51	...
Asian Enterprise	102.21	109.59†	-0.37	1.41
Australian	113.14	120.94	-0.46	1.33
European	318.39	337.42	-2.15	1.27
European Inc	61.39	65.40	-0.25	2.06
Euro Smll Co	105.05	112.16	+0.51	1.47
Extra Income	241.09	256.08†	+1.06	5.58
Family of Funds	63.02	67.28†	-0.84	2.01
Fixed Interest	53.15	56.83†	+0.04	9.69
Global Resour	69.55	74.65	-0.47	1.71
High Inc	260.65	278.42	+1.30	4.93
Income Gth	219.35	233.49†	-0.21	4.17
-do- Acc	551.73	587.58†	-0.52	4.17
International	204.65	217.85	-0.61	0.93
Japan Spec Sit	169.26	180.02	+1.26	...
Japan	145.13	154.28	+0.75	...
N Amer	217.86	231.89†	-0.58	0.15
Pacific Smllr Cos	136.98	146.95	+0.24	1.58
Pref Gilt	44.78	46.88	+0.09	9.70
Smaller Cos Div	143.99	158.94	+1.15	4.78
Special Sits	237.23	253.82	+3.25	1.70
-do- Acc	363.31	388.73	+4.98	1.70
Best of British	52.88	56.74	-0.31	2.47
Spirit of the East	46.94	50.15	-0.11	0.73
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	84.42	90.28	-0.41	2.71
Capital	145.70	155.80	...	2.52
Dollar	285.20	305.00	+0.90	0.27
European	170.70	182.50	-0.90	0.83
Far East	196.90	210.50†	-0.90	0.88
Financial	598.00	628.80	-1.70	2.98
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.28	26.26	...	8.83
High Yield	92.13	98.53†	+1.94	5.57
Income	125.30	134.00	-0.10	4.08
Intl	189.80	202.90	+0.10	0.53
Japan Tech	50.61	54.12†	+0.16	...
Nat Resources	49.08	52.49	+0.37	0.63
Security	280.60	300.10	-0.20	2.58
Smaller Cos	98.18	105.00	+4.20	2.03
Special Sits	123.40	131.90	-0.80	2.74
US Smaller Cos	67.94	72.66	+0.06	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O'seas	226.40	238.30	-1.00	1.50
Capital Gwth	100.30	105.90	...	2.55
Inv Trusts	111.80	117.70	...	0.81
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	20.19	21.58	+0.19	2.81
Special Features	25.25	26.82	-0.08	1.83
-do- Acc	29.61	31.46	-0.09	1.83
General Funds				
UK Growth	49.97	53.53	-0.21	2.40
Assets Earnings	68.27	72.53	-0.47	2.15
do Acc	79.57	84.54	-0.54	2.15
Managed Invest	75.39	80.54	-0.04	1.39
Expert Children	73.19	78.15	-0.51	1.34
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	51.28	51.28	+0.01	5.94
Extra Inc	73.50	78.25	+0.33	5.37
Gilt	26.83	28.29†	-0.01	7.37
Income Gth	36.36	38.77	-0.01	3.84
Midstar	74.24	78.18	+0.04	8.67
Preference	17.07	18.13†	-0.03	7.54
UK Income	286.60	306.50	-0.10	3.66
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	47.85	50.84†	+0.08	2.35
Property Shares	51.27	54.47	-0.01	2.51
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	131.80	138.50	-0.30	3.85
European Acc	98.75	104.70	-0.80	2.38
European Dist	94.01	99.71	-0.69	2.38
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	46.15	49.10	+0.19	1.13
European Perf	91.78	97.38	-0.62	1.53
-do- Acc	93.50	99.20	-0.63	1.53
Euro Small Cos	17.04	18.16	+0.01	1.20
French Growth	59.86	63.45	-0.17	0.94
-do- Acc	63.29	67.08	-0.18	0.94
Hong K/China	53.19	56.92†	-0.31	1.39
Intl Growth	44.74	47.53	...	1.11
-do- Acc	44.74	47.53	...	1.11
Japan Perf	23.81	25.29	+0.28	...
Accum Units	23.81	25.29	+0.28	...
Japan Smllr Cos	25.48	27.03	+0.15	...
Singapore Asean	62.28	67.62	-0.16	0.74
-do- Acc	62.67	68.04	-0.16	0.74
South East Asia	183.20	197.50	-0.40	0.95
US Smlr Cos	104.70	111.20	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	105.60	112.50	+0.80	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	73.46	78.28†	-0.12	3.31
Intl Bond	54.29	54.09	...	6.72
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.30	68.64†	-0.01	6.64
Extra Income	48.50	51.60†	+0.17	7.46
Gilt Yield	116.00	122.30†	-0.10	8.34
Global Income	172.20	183.20†	...	4.67
High Yield	123.10	131.00	...	6.66
Smllr Cos Div	38.07	40.50†	+0.29	6.81
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	84.34	89.72	-1.31	...
North American	71.67	76.24†	+0.46	0.25
European	116.00	123.40†	-0.70	0.96
Euro Special	69.20	73.68	-0.09	1.13
General	262.60	279.40	-0.50	3.43
Japan	290.30	308.80	+0.60	...
Japanese Special	154.70	164.60	...	...
Master Acc	199.10	211.80	-0.50	1.56
Pacific	210.90	224.40	+0.40	0.41
Smaller Cos	84.43	89.82†	+0.66	2.57
UK Equity Gth	32.30	34.36	+0.18	2.88
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	65.08	69.23†	-0.24	1.01
Extra Income	23.11	24.59†	-0.10	3.72
Far East	20.83	22.16	+0.16	0.08
Income Gwth	69.54	73.96	-0.26	3.01
Intl Growth	45.70	48.62	+0.04	1.00
Japan	46.98	49.98	+0.28	...
Maximum Dist*	102.80	102.80	...	8.33
N Amer Equity	37.55	39.95†	-0.07	0.45
UK Equity	81.21	86.39	-1.28	2.88
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	50.66	53.02†	-0.24	4.93
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	405.80	434.20	-1.80	3.05
Equity Acc	764.30	813.00	-3.30	3.05
Equity Income	85.08	90.51†	-0.39	4.82
European	84.65	90.05	-0.29	1.98
Far Eastern	140.40	149.40	+0.70	0.37
Fixed Interest	48.57	51.67†	+0.17	8.75
Gilt	88.36	93.30	+0.09	6.07
Global Growth	55.78	59.34†	+0.03	1.13
Intl Bond	52.77	56.14	+0.07	5.58
Japanese	49.98	53.17	+0.22	...
Overseas Equity	82.38	87.64†	+0.18	0.86
Pacific Gth	68.52	72.89	-0.42	1.43
North American	128.20	137.40	+0.50	1.35
UK Recovery	70.42	74.92	-0.20	3.18
UK Smllr Cos	92.49	98.39†	-0.95	2.50
Worldwide	68.90	73.30	-0.08	3.00
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	300.30	319.50	-5.60	3.10
-do- Acc	650.30	691.80	-12.10	3.10
Contl Euro Gth	45.90	47.90	-0.14	1.59
-do- Acc	48.11	50.65	-0.15	1.59
Extra Inc	222.30	236.50†	-3.50	4.33
-do- Acc	540.40	574.80	-8.70	4.35
German Gth	87.35	92.16	-0.30	0.31
-do- Acc	91.81	96.65	-0.30	0.31
Income	423.10	450.20	+1.30	4.01
-do- Acc	1072.0	1141.0	+3.00	4.01
Japan Growth	69.48	73.92	+0.64	0.01
-do- Acc	69.72	74.18	+0.64	0.01
Master Trust	48.57	51.66	-0.08	1.24
-do- Acc	52.82	56.20	-0.09	1.24
N American Gen	175.20	186.40	+1.60	0.01
-do- Acc	202.40	215.40	+1.80	0.01
NAm Sml Co Rec	128.20	136.40	+1.90	0.01
-do- Acc	130.90	139.30	+2.00	0.01
Pacific Basin	172.00	183.00	+4.00	0.61
-do- Acc	180.80	192.50	+4.30	0.61
Small Cos Rec	269.30	285.50	+3.00	2.63
-do- Acc	347.40	365.70	+3.90	2.63
UK Growth	75.77	80.61†	-0.10	2.34
-do- Acc	88.35	93.99	-0.12	2.34
Worldwide Gth	245.80	261.50	+1.20	0.39
-do- Acc	362.20	385.40	+2.10	0.39
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	74.42	79.85	-0.27	3.10
Income	55.13	59.15	+0.22	6.40
International	50.16	53.82	+0.15	0.90
American	56.63	60.76†	+0.48	0.40
Japan	36.67	39.35	+0.20	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	48.31	51.83	+0.20	2.20
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	366.80	383.60	+4.00	0.79
-do- Acc	451.60	477.30	+4.90	0.79
American Rec	353.10	373.40	+3.50	0.84
-do- Acc	404.10	427.30	+4.10	0.84
Am Sm Co Acc	112.00	118.40	+2.20	...
Australia Acc	117.40	124.20	+1.30	1.95
Capital	563.20	595.60	+3.20	3.58
-do- Acc	613.30	648.60	+3.60	3.58
Commodity Acc	330.90	349.90	+3.80	1.77
Compnd Gth	746.70	789.60	+5.40	3.57
Dividend	30.90	33.10	+0.10	5.03
-do- Acc	120.30	128.80	+0.30	5.03
Equity Inc	255.90	273.40	+1.80	6.31
European Div	50.80	54.30	+0.20	5.35
-do- Acc	56.80	60.60	+0.20	5.35
European Gen	334.40	353.60†	+1.60	1.84
-do- Acc	417.20	441.80	+2.00	1.84
Extra Yield	325.40	348.20	+1.70	5.34
-do- Acc	935.30	1000.8	+4.90	5.34
Far Eastern	228.30	241.40	+2.40	1.46
-do- Acc	299.30	316.50	+3.00	1.46
Fund of Inv	437.50	462.70	+0.90	2.79
-do- Acc	789.40	834.80	+1.50	2.79
General	49.10	51.90†	+0.20	4.21
-do- Acc	129.20	136.60	+0.30	4.21
Gilt Fxd Int	60.60	60.60	-0.10	9.22
do Acc	147.30	147.30	+0.20	9.22
Gold	30.10	31.80†	+0.20	2.64
-do- Acc	35.20	37.20	+0.40	2.64
High Inc	21.70	23.10†	...	5.58
-do- Acc	80.60	85.40	+0.30	5.58
Intl Growth	60.80	64.60	+0.30	1.08
-do- Acc	104.40	111.10	+0.60	1.08
Intl Inc	78.20	83.30	+0.60	5.60
Japan Gen Acc	37.10	39.30	+0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	104.20	110.20	+1.40	...
Midland	44.60	47.20	+0.60	5.17
-do- Acc	141.00	149.20	+1.90	5.17
Recovery	31.40	33.60†	+0.20	3.80
-do- Acc	49.30	52.80	+0.30	3.80
Second Gen	53.10	56.20†	+0.30	4.35
-do- Acc	129.90	137.40	+1.10	4.35
Smaller Cos	51.30	54.20	+0.70	4.31
-do- Acc	95.60	101.00	+1.40	4.31
Trustees	34.40	36.40	+0.30	4.61
Charibond 3	3109.74	...	+0.10	9.83
Charifund 2	572.20	578.00	+2.30	5.57
Pension ex 1	801.50	821.60	+1.80	4.81
NAACIF Inc 3	344.00	...	...	8.28
-do- Acc 3	31012.7	...	...	8.28
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X. CH99 9QG. 0244 688866				
Inv Fnd Inc	124.50	133.10†	-0.30	2.77
-do- Acc	138.20	147.80†	-0.38	2.77
UK Income	103.00	110.20†	-0.09	3.36
-do- Acc	115.00	123.00†	-0.09	3.36
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	66.18	70.78	+0.53	0.80
Far East (Pacific)	105.60	112.10	+0.80	0.51
Income Growth	67.35	71.49	+0.30	3.87
European	58.39	61.98	+0.25	1.57
Nth American	52.43	55.65	+0.30	1.30
UK Growth	71.62	76.02	+0.07	1.62
Intl Growth	78.57	83.40	+0.38	0.66
Charities	102.60	108.90	+0.40	4.60
Intl Income	58.74	62.35†	+0.06	5.18
Japan	37.24	39.55	+0.29	0.15
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	177.20	188.70†	+2.50	...
-do- Acc	189.90	201.70†	+2.70	...
Cash	101.30	101.30	...	6.99
-do- Acc	127.20	127.20	...	6.99
European Gth	173.10	183.40	+0.60	0.38
-do- Acc	185.30	196.30	+0.60	0.38
General	440.10	469.50	-2.50	2.73
-do- Acc	825.10	880.20	-4.70	2.73
Global Dist	125.40	131.70	+1.40	5.61
-do- Acc	137.40	144.30	+1.50	5.61
Income	130.10	138.80†	+0.20	5.24
-do- Acc	187.10	199.60†	+0.40	5.24
International	329.50	350.90†	+1.70	1.19
-do- Acc	437.40	465.80†	+2.30	1.19
Japan	137.60	145.70†	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	141.20	149.60†	+1.40	...
New Europe	120.90	129.00	+0.60	1.55
-do- Acc	120.90	129.00	+0.60	1.55
Recovery	264.60	282.30	+0.90	3.39
-do- Acc	330.70	352.80	+1.30	3.39
European Inc	66.09	70.01†	+0.31	3.35
-do- Acc	83.85	88.83†	+0.39	3.35
Brit Blue Chip	68.89	73.42	-0.50	3.63
-do- Acc	80.67	85.97	-0.58	3.63
Portfolio	69.23	73.69	-0.10	3.27
-do- Acc	77.58	82.58	-0.10	3.27
Gold General	47.66	50.84	+0.48	4.77
-do- Acc	48.31	51.54	+0.48	4.77
Pacific	74.72	79.71	-0.66	0.72
-do- Acc	78.99	84.26	+0.71	0.72
UK Smaller Cos	45.06	48.07	+0.42	1.85
-do- Acc	50.10	53.45	+0.46	1.85
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 529 288. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	54.66	58.46	-0.11	3.63
-do- Acc	54.66	58.46	-0.11	3.63
British Dist	74.82	80.02	-0.46	2.69
-do- Acc	82.65	88.40	-0.50	2.69
European Gth	148.20	158.00†	-0.70	0.29
-do- Acc	186.00	198.40	-0.80	0.29
Extra High Inc	63.23	67.63	+0.14	6.96
-do- Acc	110.20	117.90	+0.20	6.96
Gilt Fixed Int	54.85	57.17†	-0.02	7.30
-do- Acc	142.40	148.40	-0.10	7.30
High Yield	200.30	214.20	-0.20	5.47
-do- Acc	459.60	491.50	-0.50	5.47
Income	256.80	274.70	-3.30	4.44
-do- Acc	527.10	563.70	-7.00	4.44
Japan Gth	245.30	262.30	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	258.90	276.80	+0.80	...
Mandarin Acc	80.45	86.04	+0.25	1.42
North American	155.50	166.30†	+0.10	0.43
-do- Acc	195.50	209.10	+0.20	0.43
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	240.20	255.60†	+2.30	0.49
Cash Inc	100.38	100.36†	+0.01	6.68
Cash Acc	120.73	120.73†	+0.02	6.68
Euro Gth Acc	217.40	232.00†	-0.10	...
Europa	98.64	106.00	-0.40	...
Intl Gth	147.30	157.00	+0.90	...
Japan Tracker	54.03	57.28	+0.59	...
UK Equity Inc	135.70	144.00	+1.20	5.46
-do- Acc	161.00	173.43	+1.50	5.46
UK Ind Tracker	135.90	145.60	-0.60	3.63
US Eq Ind Trkr	179.60	192.00	+1.40	1.38
-do- Acc	189.00	202.00	+1.50	1.38
Asian Trader	120.30	130.40	+0.60	1.30
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX. 0345 090 433				
American Inc	163.10	166.60	+0.60	3.00
European	53.85	55.08	+0.07	1.43
Olympiad	47.81	49.01	+0.39	0.83
Global Bond	45.79	46.71	+0.17	4.33
Smaller Cos	55.26	57.37	+0.51	1.88
Equity Income	87.40	89.91†	-0.09	5.15
UK Growth	79.31	81.78	-0.10	1.86
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	44.54	47.50	+0.28	0.76
Australian Acc	247.70	265.70	+1.70	...
Conscience	59.71	63.72†	-0.62	1.44
-do- Acc	64.07	68.37	-0.68	1.44
European	153.30	163.50	-1.10	1.02
-do- Acc	163.60	174.50	-1.10	1.02
Extra Income	68.89	73.52	-0.22	6.08
-do- Acc	103.10	110.00	-0.30	6.08
Far East Gth	124.70	133.20	-0.30	0.06
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.00	60.34	-0.05	7.64
Gold	24.88	26.75	+0.36	...
-do- Acc	26.80	28.81	+0.36	...
Income	48.46	51.69†	-0.09	5.51
-do- Acc	145.20	154.80	-0.40	5.51
International	25.99	27.88	-0.03	0.97
-do- Acc	37.34	40.06	-0.05	0.97
Jap Sm Cos Acc	225.60	240.50	-0.70	...
S pore Mly Acc	136.60	146.40	-0.10	...
Smllr Cos Acc	22.21	23.88†	+0.39	2.01
Special Sits	30.38	32.66	+0.21	1.87
-do- Acc	34.67	37.27	+0.24	1.87
Tokyo	59.76	63.74	+0.35	...
-do- Acc	60.36	64.38	+0.35	...
US Smllr Co Acc	97.21	103.90	-0.80	...
UK Equity	153.30	163.50†	-0.70	3.06
-do- Acc	284.30	303.20	-1.30	3.06
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	64.55	68.68	-0.22	3.03
N&P Glt Fxd Int	72.45	76.67	-0.14	7.11
N&P Higher Inc	163.80	173.80†	+0.80	5.62
N&P UK Income	92.58	99.02†	-0.02	4.42
N&P Intl	79.10	85.06	-0.22	2.96
N&P Smaller Cos	63.83	68.27	+1.00	2.02
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	146.23	155.57	+0.74	3.87
Global	234.88	249.88	+1.76	1.89
Income	180.86	192.41†	+0.37	4.98
Intl Bond	116.08	123.49	-0.32	7.17
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	130.70	137.50	-0.10	2.98
-do- Acc	226.30	238.10	-0.10	2.98
Income	202.10	214.90	-0.20	4.06
Intl Equity	190.80	203.00	-0.30	1.26
-do- Acc	208.90	222.20	-0.30	1.26
Equity	205.60	218.70†	-0.70	2.76
-do- Acc	416.80	443.40	-1.50	2.76
UK Intl 25 Acc	63.77	67.86	-0.15	2.22
UK Income	55.45	58.99†	+0.04	3.52
UK Smllr Co Acc	61.45	65.36	+0.25	2.15
New Europe Acc	55.26	58.78†	-0.30	1.72
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	71.77	76.36	+0.51	0.39
PEP Gth Inc	87.26	93.33	+0.02	1.64
Intl Gth	408.94	437.37	-0.87	0.59
Income	262.16	280.39	+0.43	4.58
W wide Recov	251.09	268.55	+0.82	1.23
American Gth	184.11	196.91	+1.49	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	150.58	161.05	-0.09	0.69
Far East Gth	153.10	163.75	+1.24	0.37
European Gth	97.71	104.51	-1.96	1.77
UK Growth	68.61	72.74	-0.18	3.56
High Income	71.42	76.39†	+0.15	5.32
Japanese Gth	146.99	156.69	+0.31	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	151.90	161.50	+0.40	1.11
High Income	98.91	105.20	-0.40	4.21
Conv Gilt	103.30	109.80†	+0.20	7.04
Far East	257.50	273.90	+2.20	0.30
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	46.45	49.41	+0.20	0.59
Emerging Mkts	51.19	54.46	+0.49	0.26
General	45.48	48.38†	-0.25	3.54
International	73.66	78.36	+0.09	1.45
Gilt Units	24.04	25.71	...	8.55
Global PEP	32.37	34.44	-0.04	2.57
Income Gth	58.93	62.28	+0.01	5.45
European	38.19	40.63	-0.14	1.31
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.44	26.00	-0.02	8.41
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Priceline 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	26.86	28.51	+0.02	1.98
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.41	101.41	+0.02	6.65
-do- Acc	103.18	103.18†	+0.04	6.65
Pru Equity	628.36	672.04	-2.07	2.78
Pru Equity Inc	75.32	80.55	-0.05	4.50
Pru European	152.00	162.59†	-0.40	2.08
Pru Global Gth	71.23	76.16	-0.38	1.49
Pru High Inc	79.98	85.54†	+0.27	5.72
Pru Intl	137.34	146.88	-0.42	1.47
Pru Intl Sm Co	57.96	61.98	+0.26	1.04
Pru Japanese	130.42	138.41	+0.55	...
Pru Nth Amer	130.83	139.92†	+0.07	0.50
Pru Pacific Mkt	62.11	66.42	-0.15	2.12
Pru Premr Inc	46.67	50.67	+0.03	7.55
Pru Smllr Cos	72.87	77.93	+0.92	2.69
Pru Spec Sits	92.71	99.15†	-0.51	2.08
Pru UK Gwth	104.72	112.00	-0.51	2.99
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	145.50	156.78	-0.02	3.95
Japan	198.74	213.16	+1.49	...
Major UK Cos	90.23	97.13†	-0.45	3.74
America Income	429.19	459.92	+4.62	0.71
-do- Acc	498.50	534.20	+5.37	0.71
Smllr UK Cos	226.54	245.98	-1.70	2.17
Smllr European	215.46	229.70	-0.10	1.84
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	65.57	69.73	+0.51	3.93
Capital Units	130.10	138.40†	+0.30	1.66
Commodity	83.27	88.58	+0.83	1.29
European Gth	133.50	142.00	+0.20	1.23
Financial Sec	149.80	159.30†	-0.40	2.37
High Return	199.00	211.70†	+1.20	5.13
High Yield	197.40	210.00	+1.00	4.76
Income Units	100.40	106.80	+0.30	7.67
Investment	150.60	160.20	+0.40	1.85
Japan Gth	101.80	108.20	+0.50	...
Japan Smaller	140.00	148.90	+1.30	...
Masterfund	40.39	42.96†	-0.21	1.30
Scotbits	218.60	232.50†	-0.60	2.38
Scotshares	233.00	247.80†	+1.70	4.21
Scotyields	215.40	229.10	+1.30	4.39
Select Intl	114.90	122.20	+1.30	0.76
Smaller Cos	194.70	207.10	+1.60	4.95
Special Situation	100.10	106.40	+0.70	0.90
UK Equity	212.70	226.20	+0.60	3.54
US Growth	130.20	138.50	+1.10	0.37
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	226.44	241.53	+0.72	0.61
-do- Acc	244.63	260.93	+0.78	0.61
Australian	111.73	119.17	-0.02	0.29
-do- Acc	130.50	139.19	-0.03	0.29
UK Enterprise	187.92	200.44†	+1.66	3.86
-do- Acc	217.05	231.52	+1.91	3.86
European Gth	54.50	58.59†	-0.32	1.40
-do- Acc	56.88	60.65	-0.33	1.40
Euro Smllr Cos	47.69	51.08†	+0.02	0.82
-do- Acc	48.27	51.49	+0.02	0.82
Far Eastern Gth	55.90	59.62	-0.09	...
-do- Acc	56.80	60.58	-0.09	...
Fixed Interest	51.53	54.32	...	7.05
-do- Acc	61.73	65.07	...	7.05
Gilt Income	101.49	106.97	-0.10	8.80
-do- Acc	137.22	144.62	-0.14	8.80
Income	281.79	300.57	+0.77	4.43
-do- Acc	816.19	870.61	+2.24	4.43
Japan Enterprise	47.30	50.45	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	47.30	50.45	+0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	296.28	316.03†	+0.48	...
-do- Acc	296.88	316.66	+0.47	...
Pacific Gth	72.35	77.17	-0.31	0.89
-do- Acc	74.10	79.04	-0.32	0.89
Smaller Cos	161.40	172.16†	+1.87	1.78
-do- Acc	184.98	197.30	+2.14	1.78
Tokyo	77.50	82.66	+0.05	...
-do- Acc	78.28	83.49	+0.05	...
UK Equity	191.45	204.21†	+0.25	3.35
-do- Acc	354.52	378.15	+0.45	3.35
US Smllr Cos	114.59	122.22	+0.38	...
-do- Acc	114.59	122.22	+0.38	...
World Fd	64.70	69.01	-0.11	1.90
-do- Acc	67.69	72.19	-0.13	1.90
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	38.38	40.87	+0.01	5.23
Equity Strategy	57.64	61.39	+0.47	2.69
European Opps	63.38	67.50	+0.17	3.22
Maximum Inc	100.19	102.83	+0.02	6.74
UK Smaller Cos	43.90	46.85	+0.30	3.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	326.50	349.30	-2.00	3.19
American	232.50	246.90	+0.20	0.99
Pacific	234.30	222.00	+0.40	0.93
European	397.50	425.10	-0.60	1.38
Worldwide	71.36	76.32	-0.04	1.36
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	290.20	309.80†	-1.30	3.11
UK Sm Cos Eqty	181.40	193.00†	+0.60	3.11
European	292.10	310.50	-0.70	1.88
North American	236.20	251.30	+2.00	0.61
Income Plus Inc	59.57	63.38	+0.06	4.17
UK Spec Sits	61.80	65.75	-0.26	2.66
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	23.96	25.64	-0.04	3.35
Intl Growth Acc	24.32	26.03	+0.22	1.73
Global Inc Acc	28.42	30.42†	+0.23	4.10
Market Ldrs Acc	24.35	26.28	-0.02	3.17
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	78.10	83.52	+1.52	...
Euro Spec Sits	38.00	40.37	-0.65	...
-do- Acc	40.34	42.74	-0.69	...
Far East Opps	25.76	27.54†	+0.59	...
-do- Acc	26.67	28.61	+0.61	...
General Growth	94.10	101.00	-0.30	2.53
Global Tech	115.70	124.80†	+8.60	...
Income Growth	93.74	100.70	...	4.16
Income Monthly	53.49	57.20	+1.34	6.07
Japan Growth	59.34	63.08†	-2.48	...
Overseas Gth	65.87	70.11†	-0.04	...
Smaller Cos	63.20	67.95	+4.55	2.35
Special Opps	82.81	89.04	+5.96	2.59
Wld Spec Sits	39.17	42.20†	-0.42	...
-do- Acc	39.26	42.30†	-0.42	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	41.00	43.57	-0.30	1.77
Equity Gth Acc	56.57	60.11	...	1.13
UK Eq General	40.68	43.21	0.10	2.41
-do- Acc	53.56	56.72	-0.10	2.41
European Acc	[illegible]	39.70	-0.20	1.00
Far East Acc	42.70	45.46	-0.20	0.00
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.96	31.36		6.47
N American Acc	42.30	34.05	+0.30	[illegible]
O/s Ldr Gth Acc	233.90	253.40	-0.30	[illegible]
UK Eq High Inc	[illegible]	38.75		4.19
-do- Acc	38.85	41.30	+0.10	4.01
UK Ldr Cos Inc	270.07	302.70	-0.30	1.63
UK Ldr Cos Acc	300.00	310.60	-0.40	1.63
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Bishops Court, 29 Bishop's Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$1.28	NZ$1.427	-0.00	0.80
US Eq	$1.570	$1.990	+0.02	0.00
Far East Eq	Y101.9	Y120.3	+1.00	
Japan Eq	Y142.1	Y101.7	-15.10	
FT Europe	105.90	110.00	+0.80	1.78
FT North Am	$1.679	$1.784	+0.000	0.87
FT Japan	Y195.6	Y207.1	+1.90	
FT Asia Ex Jap	100.60	106.90	-0.70	1.45
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	329.80	348.70	-0.30	0.11
British	890.40	942.10	+4.90	4.90
European	324.00	345.10	+0.30	1.64
Japan	107.20	114.10	+0.90	
New Pacific	252.40	268.80	-0.10	1.56
Mngd Cash	95.44	95.44		6.13
Majority Stk	94.90	100.50	+0.02	0.15
Inv Tst	161.90	173.70	-0.60	2.23
Saints PEP	320.00	340.40		
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	684.30	731.40†	-10.30	2.42
N America Acc	105.10	112.40†	+1.10	0.59
Far East Acc	99.67	106.60†	+1.20	0.49
W wide Bond	56.87	60.32	+0.10	5.51
European	72.15	77.17	-0.24	0.78
Equity Income	75.61	80.87†	-0.93	1.01
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.43	34.69	+0.04	0.88
Managed Assets	110.93	118.65†	-0.35	3.89
UK Income	14.27	15.46†	-0.04	4.13
UK Growth	34.43	36.83	-0.16	2.80
Worldwide Gth	27.01	28.89	-0.01	0.00
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	186.25	198.14	+1.68	0.38
-do- Acc	204.56	217.62	+1.84	0.38
British Gth	81.49	86.68	-1.11	2.22
-do- Acc	95.18	101.15	-1.29	2.22
European	80.18	85.30	-0.36	0.84
-do- Acc	84.57	89.97	-0.38	0.84
Extra Inc	169.18	179.98	-0.09	4.91
-do- Acc	365.60	382.36	-0.13	4.91
General Unit	290.49	306.48	-1.75	2.68
-do- Acc	488.53	510.71	-3.42	2.68
Income	298.84	317.91†	-0.13	3.91
-do- Acc	608.69	647.54	-0.67	3.91
International	440.31	468.42	-0.55	0.77
-do- Acc	575.56	612.30	-0.72	0.77
Pacific	375.23	398.80	+2.99	0.12
-do- Acc	388.34	[illegible]	+3.12	0.12
Premier Income	49.52	51.58	-0.12	7.48
-do- Acc	103.14	104.37	-0.25	7.48
Nat Resources	79.78	84.87	-0.31	...
-do- Acc	87.49	93.07	-0.34	...
Selected Opps	87.08	92.64	-0.73	1.17
-do- Acc	108.75	115.69	-0.91	1.17
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Chariton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	113.00	120.60†	+1.20	0.43
Australia	6.120	6.570	+0.02	1.22
Equity	170.00	182.10†	-0.70	5.62
Euro Spec Sits	126.90	134.80†	-0.40	0.64
Financial	34.31	36.75	-0.05	3.70
Global Opps Inc	78.89	84.50	+0.64	2.38
-do- Acc	81.77	87.59	+0.67	2.38
Gold Gen Inc	35.18	37.70	...	1.17
-do- Acc	67.12	72.00	+0.05	1.17
Income	110.00	117.70†	-0.10	5.26
Japan General	110.90	118.08	+0.60	...
Preference	20.57	22.10†	-0.10	8.20
UK Capital	97.42	104.30	...	1.23
Worldwide Cap	181.90	194.40†	-0.10	3.31
World Income	74.98	79.68†	-0.07	3.81
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smal Cos	72.35	77.17	+1.90	..
-do- Acc	74.62	79.59	+1.94	...
Cash	50.76	50.76	+0.01	7.00
-do- Acc	60.42	60.42	+0.01	7.00
European Opps	54.31	57.79	-0.32	0.51
-do- Acc	54.78	58.29	-0.23	0.51
Far East Opps	121.33	129.63	-0.02	0.75
-do- Acc	124.30	132.85	-0.02	0.75
Gold/Nat Res	30.65	32.69	-0.23	...
-do- Acc	31.52	33.62	-0.24	...
Japan	57.73	61.48	+0.39	...
-do- Acc	57.73	61.48	+0.39	...
Little Dragons	56.18	59.92	-0.44	0.83
-do- Acc	57.63	61.47	-0.44	0.83
Oriental Income	35.53	37.89	-0.09	4.20
-do- Acc	44.83	47.81	-0.12	4.20
Tiger	178.96	190.89	-1.25	1.38
-do- Acc	187.19	199.66	-1.40	1.38
UK Small Cos	59.39	63.51	+0.89	2.57
-do- Acc	68.08	72.81	+1.01	2.57
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	210.00	224.00	-0.40	4.73
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	9.16	9.74	+0.07	0.50
Pacific Basin	26.82	28.53	+0.13	0.60
Canadian Gth	31.75	33.77	+0.59	0.10
Global Bond	$0.949	$0.960	-0.002	7.40
Penny Share	18.68	19.87	-0.27	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	51.88	51.88†	...	6.92
Gilt Growth	63.23	65.80†	-0.01	...
Gilt Income	50.80	52.86†	-0.02	8.69
Short Dtd Gilt	107.20	108.60	...	3.57
US Govmnt Bd	$0.703	$0.713	-0.000	...
Challenger	87.44	89.50	+0.46	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388846				
Stockmarket Fd	64.89	69.03	-0.08	2.22

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	5,200	Carlton Com	429	Land Secs	211	Scot Hydro	615
Alld-Lyons	2,900	Coats Vyla	2,700	Legal & Gn	1,400	Scot & New	999
Anglian W	1,300	Cm Union	1,500	Lloyds Bk	1,400	Scot Power	2,400
Argyll Gp	2,100	Courtaulds	782	MB Cardn	3,400	Sears	6,300
Arjo Wig	2,200	De La Rue	2,100	Marks Spr	8,400	Svrn Trent	1,300
AB Foods	345	Eng China	1,000	NFC	1,200	Shell Trans	1,700
BAA	4,100	Enterpr Oil	197	NatWst Bk	2,400	Siebe	3,800
BAT Inds	2,900	Fisons	3,300	Nat Power	1,700	SmKl Bch	5,700
BET	3,000	Forte	1,900	Nth Wst W	1,600	Smith Nph	4,400
BOC	1,000	GRE	3,500	Nthrn Fds	5,500	Smith (WH)	234
BP	7,600	GUS A	493	P & O	1,700	Sthern Elec	524
BT	3,200	Gen Acc	620	Pearson	3,100	Sun Allnce	1,300
BTR	2,200	Gen Elec	3,800	PowerGen	3,200	TI Gp	1,600
Bk of Scot	4,500	Glaxo	6,600	Prudential	2,400	TSB	11,000
Barclays	4,700	Granada	589	RTZ	1,100	Tate & Lyle	1,300
Bass	713	Grand Met	2,700	Rank Org	939	Tesco	5,400
Blue Circle	1,700	Guinness	3,800	Reckitt Col	1,000	Thames W	433
Boots	2,000	HSBC	4,100	Redland	717	Thrn EMI	884
Bowater	576	Hanson	11,000	Reed Intl	476	Tomkins	4,100
Brit Airwys	7,000	ICI	1,400	Rentokil	1,200	Unilever	743
Brit Gas	4,500	Inchcape	1,600	Reuters	942	Utd Bisc	1,200
Brit Steel	15,000	Kingfisher	774	Rolls Royce	2,600	Vodafone	1,300
Burmah C	1,400	Kwik Save	453	Rothmans	467	Wellcome	2,000
Cable Wire	2,000	LASMO	2,800	Ryl Bk Scot	3,500	Whitbd 'A'	1,400
Cadbury	1,000	Ladbroke	6,200	Sainsbury	1,600	Wlims Hld	1,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3306.79 (+1.63)
S&P Composite 434.62 (+0.10)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 16780.98 (-1.90)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 5547.32 (-39.35)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 97.6 (+0.2)

Sydney: AO 1530.9 (-11.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1542.50 (-13.88)

FTSE Euro 100: 1081.92 (-9.76)

Brussels:
General 5587.10 (+3.46)

Paris: CAC n/a

Zurich: SKA Gen 434.0 (-3.7)

London:
FT A All-Share 1362.73 (-0.93)
FT 500 1514.02 (-0.89)
FT Gold Mines 62.2 (+1.3)
FT Fixed Interest 109.59 (+0.02)
FT Govt Secs 93.96 (-0.20)
Bargains 31524
SEAQ Volume 755.7m
USM (Datastrm) 123.89 (+0.27)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
December 21	January 8	March 25	April 5

Call options taken out on 7/1/93: Amber Day, ASDA, Body Shop, Budgens, Cannon St, Costain, Greycoat, Hanson Wts, Ingham, Kwik-Fit, Lucas Wts, Queens Moat, Ramco, Saatchi & Saatchi, Sanderson Elec, Whitecroft. Puts: Body Shop, Burton, Lucas, Proteus, Sthn Business. Puts & Calls: Cannon St, Lucas, Medeva, Premier.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2848.0	2859.0	2825.0	2837.5	11494
Previous open interest: 45695	Jun 93	2868.0	2868.0	2850.0	2858.5	601
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	93.34	93.38	93.29	93.30	20515
Previous open interest: 215512	Jun 93	93.70	93.70	93.60	93.60	7389
	Sep 93	93.75	93.76	93.69	93.69	4511
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.40	96.40	96.37	96.37	507
Previous open interest: 18922	Jun 93	96.01	96.03	95.97	95.96	447
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	92.16	92.24	92.13	92.14	56388
Previous open interest: 379885	Jun 93	93.03	93.12	93.00	93.02	28321
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	104-28	104-28	104-28	104-24	1
Previous open interest: 663	Jun 93				103-17	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	100-27	101-06	100-23	100-24	21441
Previous open interest: 57034	Jun 93	101-18	101-24	101-15	101-16	180
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	108.63	108.66	108.58	108.58	1080
	Jun 93				108.00	0
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	92.98	93.05	92.82	92.90	63527
Previous open interest: 145238	Jun 93	92.95	93.03	92.92	92.92	179
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.33	90.39	90.28	90.39	1591
Previous open interest: 10255	Jun 93	91.58	91.61	91.52	91.60	1040
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.67	94.73	94.55	94.59	9469
Previous open interest: 37822	Jun 93	95.00	95.07	94.96	94.96	2564
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	93.25	93.64	92.82	93.51	9441
Previous open interest: 22255	Jun 93				93.96	0

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.8 (day's range 81.8-81.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 7	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8197-2.8284	2.8197-2.8278	⅛-⅜ds	½-⅝ds
Brussels	51.68-51.81	51.69-51.79	5-9ds	24-28ds
Copenhagen	9.7120-9.7660	9.7120-9.7350	6⅛-10¼ds	19¾-24½ds
Dublin	0.9540-0.9575	0.9549-0.9574	209-726ds	276-1185ds
Frankfurt	2.5143-2.5203	2.5145-2.5178	⅛-⅜ds	¾-1ds
Lisbon	226.01-226.61	226.01-226.47	136-154ds	414-448ds
Madrid	178.04-179.65	178.04-178.93	125-147ds	366-398ds
Milan	2320.00-2365.00	2320.00-2324.00	9-14ds	31-37ds
Montreal	1.9662-1.9741	1.9663-1.9684	0.09-0.03pr	0.12-0.01pr
New York	1.5375-1.5430	1.5375-1.5385	0.54-0.52pr	1.45-1.43pr
Oslo	10.7450-10.8120	10.7880-10.8120	2⅞-3⅛ds	8-9½ds
Paris	8.5570-8.5930	8.5790-8.5930	3⅞-4⅜ds	11-12ds
Stockholm	11.1530-11.3480	11.3240-11.3480	2⅞-3⅛ds	6¾-7¼ds
Tokyo	192.18-192.94	192.18-192.39	⅝-½pr	1½-1⅜pr
Vienna	17.65-17.73	17.66-17.71	1½-2½ds	4⅞-6⅜ds
Zurich	2.2903-2.3016	2.2924-2.2947	⅜-¼pr	⅞-⅝pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	n/a
Australia dollar	2.2919-2.2952
Bahrain dinar	0.5765-0.5885
Brazil cruzeiro *	19979.3-19992.4
Cyprus pound	0.7435-0.7535
Finland markka	8.232-8.348
Greece drachma	332.5-339.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.9190-11.9229
India rupee	44.16-45.12
Kuwait dinar KD	0.465-0.475
Malaysia ringgit	3.9942-3.9984
Mexico peso	5.75-5.85
New Zealand dollar	3.0186-3.0266
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7295-5.8555
Singapore dollar	2.5540-2.5573
S Africa rand (fin)	7.4014-7.5887
S Africa rand (com)	4.7185-4.7248
U A E dirham	5.6105-5.7435

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4887-1.4898
Austria	11.47-11.49
Belgium (Com)	33.57-33.61
Canada	1.2769-1.2774
Denmark	6.3100-6.3200
France	5.5585-5.5635
Germany	1.6348-1.6358
Hong Kong	7.7425-7.7435
Ireland	1.6070-1.6100
Italy	1515.0-1525.0
Japan	125.00-125.05
Malaysia	2.5945-2.5955
Netherlands	1.8340-1.8380
Norway	6.9900-7.0000
Portugal	146.90-147.10
Singapore	1.6590-1.6600
Spain	115.80-116.30
Sweden	7.2800-7.2900
Switzerland	1.4865-1.4870

MONEY MARKET RATES

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 10 Low 7½ Week fixed: 7¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅞; 3 mth 6⅞. Sell: 2 mth 6¾; 3 mth 6¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	7⅛-7	7⅛-7	7⅛-7		
Interbank:	7⅛-7	7⅛-7	7-7⅛	7-6⅞	6⅞-6¾
Overnight: open n/a, close n/a.				7-6⅞	6⅞-6¾
Local Authority Deps:	7⅛	n/a	7⅛	6⅞	6⅞
Sterling CDs:	7⅛-7	7⅛-7	7⅛-7	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾
Dollar CDs:	n/a	n/a	3.28-3.24	3.47-3.43	3.89-3.85
Building Society CDs:	7⅛-7	7⅛-7	7⅛-7	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1992 Agreed rates Jan 26, 1993 to Feb 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.38 %. Schemes II & III: 8.50 %. Reference rate Dec 1, 1992 to Dec 31, 1992 Scheme IV & V: 7.232 %.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8¾	8⅞-8¾	8⅝-8½	8⅛-8	9⅛-8⅞
French Franc:	13½-13	13½-13	12⅝-12⅛	11⅛-10⅞	16-11
Swiss Franc:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5⅜	5⅜-5¼	5⅝-4⅞
Yen:	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3⅜	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	4⅛-3⅞

GOLD

Bullion: Open $330.20-330.60 Close: $329.05-329.55 High: $330.20-330.70 Low: $328.15-328.65 Krugerrand: $328.50-330.50 (£213.00-214.50)
Sovereigns: Old $78.50-81.50 (£50.50-52.50) New $78.50-81.50 (£50.50-52.50)
Platinum: $359.90 (£233.45) Silver: $3.695 (£2.405) Palladium: $113.05 (£73.35)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon 600	29	47	60	6	18	34
(*622) 650	6	22	35	35	43	62
ASDA 60	6	10	13	2½	5	8
(*65) 70	2½	6	9½	8	11	13½
Bass 600	32	50	66	7½	20	31
(*620½) 650	6½	25	41	36	46	57
Boots 500	41	55	62	3	9	18
(*535) 550	8	23	33	20	28	41
Br Airways 280	12	25	31	8½	17	28
(*284½) 300	5½	16	23½	22	28	40
BP 220	20	25	30	2	7	11
(*236) 240	5½	13	19½	7½	15	20
260	1½	6	12	23	29	32
Br Steel 50	9½	13	16	1	3	6
(*62) 60	2½	7½	10	5	7½	11
C & W 700	19	42	60	16	31	46
(*701½) 750	4	21	38	52	62	75
CU 600	36	50	62	4	22	30
(*636) 650	7	23	36	28	48	57
Courtauld 600	18	39	49	16	27	47
(*602½) 650	3	19	32	54	63	76
GKN 460	15	27	39	10	27	34
(*467) 500	3	11	21	39	55	60
Grnd Met 420	24	42	52	5	15	24
(*435½) 460	5½	21	32	28	36	45
ICI 1100	27	55	77	23	69	85
(*1105) 1150	8½	32	56	56	105	115
1200	3	17	42	100	145	152
Kingfshr 550	44	62	72	3½	14	25
(*588½) 600	11	31	44	22	35	48
Ladbroke 180	15	23	31	5	13	21
(*190) 200	4	13	21	16	24	34
Land Sec 420	24	37	42	3	8	20
(*442½) 460	4	14	21	23	27	43
M & S 300	33	40	45	2	5	9
(*329) 330	9	20	26	8	14	22
Sainsbury 550	31	49	59	5	14	24
(*575) 600	6	23	34	29	39	49
Shell 500	54	57	68	1	7	11
(*550) 550	12	19	33	11	28	32
Smkl Bch 450	33	-	-	3½	-	-
(*465½) 475	15	-	-	12	-	-
Storehse 180	19	27	31	3	7	12
(*196) 200	7	14	23	10	16	21
Trafalgar 80	12½	16	20	1½	5	8
(*89½) 90	5	10	14	5	10	13
Unilever 1050	56	75	90	6	26	36
(*1085½) 1100	21	41	60	23	57	62
Utd Bisc 360	13	23	29	7	20	26
(*365) 390	3	10	17	28	40	45

Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAA 750	32	53	63	21	32	45
(*757½) 800	12	30	42	52	59	70
BAT Ind 950	47	60	77	22	47	55
(*981½) 1000	22	36	53	48	77	84
BTR 550	22	31	41	15	29	33
(*553½) 600	5½	12	21	50	61	65
Br Aero 180	23	29	42	17	27	34
(*192½) 200	14	23	34	26	39	47
Br Telcm 390	15	27	33	10	15	23
(*393) 420	5	13	20	30	33	40
Cadbury 460	21	28	38	14	26	32
(*466) 500	6	13	22	41	53	57
Guinness 500	26	35	49	17	32	38
(*497) 550	8	17	28	53	64	70
GEC 260	21	28	32	4	7½	13
(*274) 280	8½	17	21	12	16	22
Hanson 220	21½	24	27	2½	6½	10
(*239) 240	8	12½	17	9	14½	19
LASMO 160	16	23	28	9	18	22
(*164) 180	8	14	20	22	31	36
Lucas 130	19	26	30	7½	15	18
(*142) 140	14	20	25	13	20	23
P & O 500	51	62	74	9½	30	38
(*539½) 550	23	40	46	33	57	62
Pilkingtn 100	14	22	23	5	11	15
(*110) 110	10	17	20	11	16	20
Prudential 280	24	28	32	5	12	16
(*296) 300	12	17	22	13	21	24
RTZ 650	47	59	72	13	32	40
(*679½) 700	19	33	47	37	59	67
Scot New 420	43	52	59	5	12	19
(*452) 460	17	28	36	20	28	38
Tesco 240	31	39	42	2½	7	10
(*271) 260	18	24	28	7	15	17
Thames W 460	46	57	62	3½	7½	16
(*495) 500	17	31	35	15	22	33
Vodafone 420	22	39	46	16	24	35
(*426) 460	7½	21	29	43	48	58

FT-SE INDEX (*2815)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Jan	116	70	34	13	4	1
Feb	153	118	83	56	37	23
Mar	185	150	108	83	59	41
Apr	205	172	140	110	78	65
Jun	220	-	157	-	116	-
Puts						
Jan	4	8	25	53	86	132
Feb	26	42	56	86	114	150
Mar	45	57	76	105	136	159
Apr	55	72	90	110	136	168
Jun	73	-	106	-	160	-

Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat 360	27	34	45	16	21	26
(*370) 390	12	19	28	34	38	41
Amstrad 20	5½	6½	7½	2	2½	3
(*23) 25	2½	3½	4	4½	5	5½
Barclays 360	38	44	47	20	26	34
(*379) 390	20	28	33	38	43	51
Blue Circ 200	23	32	40	15	25	30
(*208½) 220	14	24	31	24	38	41
Br Gas 280	24	26	31	6	13	16
(*293½) 300	12	14½	21	13½	23	26
330	3½	6½	11	39	46	47
Dixons 260	29	39	44	12	18	25
(*277) 280	19	28	34	22	28	34
Eurotnnl 330	35	50	60	23	32	38
(*350) 360	21	33	47	40	50	55
Forte 180	23	28	32	11	20	24
(*189) 200	12	18	24	21	32	36
Glaxo 700	64	88	108	25	36	48
(*735½) 750	38	62	82	50	62	71
800	21	42	60	84	93	103
HSBC 460	57	63	75	15	27	35
(*497) 500	31	43	55	33	47	56
Hillsdwn 140	17	22	27	13	22	25
(*144) 160	10	15	19	26	34	38
Lonrho 70	10	13	15	7	9½	12
(*75½) 80	5½	9½	12	13	15½	18
Reuter 1400	88	114	145	73	95	118
(*1409) 1450	59	92	125	105	123	137
R-Royce 110	15	18	22	7½	11	14
(*118) 120	9	13	17½	12	16½	19
Sears 100	8½	10½	13	7	11	10
(*101) 110	3½	7	9	14	16	18
Thrn Emi 850	50	73	82	25	35	50
(*862½) 900	25	47	59	52	61	78
TSB 140	23	26	29	4	6	10
(*158) 160	10	15	17	13	15	18
Vaal Reefs 25	5½	6	5½	2½	3	4
(*29) 30	2½	4	4	5½	6	7½
Wellcome 950	51	76	103	47	65	75
(*940) 1000	34	55	78	79	94	105

Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Fisons 240	18	32	41	12	22	32
(*242½) 260	8	23	32	20	32	45

Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Eastrn Elc 400	*8	40	-	7	15	-
(*425) 430	12	-	-	22	-	-

Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Nat Pwr 260	22	31	34	7½	11	17
(*275½) 280	11½	20	23	17	21	27
Scot Pwr 220	20	25	30	4	7	11½
(*237) 240	7½	14	19	13	16	22

January 7, 1993 Tot: 37462 Calls: 27315 Puts: 10147 FT-SE Calls: 7211 Puts: 1993
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Wheat futures remained unchanged. New crops have fallen recently, which has encouraged some shipper hedge buying back to the market. Barley also held in narrow ranges around unchanged until the close. Robusta coffee futures continued to rally during the afternoon session after it's recent slump and closed with gains. Cocoa futures quietly held earlier small gains during the afternoon session.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	689-688	May	791-789
May	704-702	Jul	805-803
Jul	718-716	Sep	816-812
Sep	732-730	Dec	840 SLR
Dec	753-751		
Mar	776-774	Volume:	3721

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	942-939	Sep	933-927
Mar	945-944	Nov	932-930
May	926-925	Jan	943-935
Jul	921-918	Volume:	5918

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	188.0-86.0
Spot: 176.0		Dec	193.0-89.0
Mar	183.0-81.0	Mar	194.0-90.0
May	185.0 SLR	May	195.0-91.0
Aug	186.0-84.0	Volume:	20

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	241.4-40.8
Spot: 249.7		Dec	245.4-43.8
Mar	247.0-46.5	Mar	246.9-45.3
May	248.0-47.8	May	250.2-48.0
Aug	253.4-52.8	Volume:	744

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 7

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	83.29	89.79	116.63
(+/-)	-4.88	+6.69	+1.74
Eng/Wales:	83.67	90.14	116.57
(+/-)	-4.50	+7.04	+1.68
(%)	+8.3	+42.5	+141.6
Scotland:	n/a	88.00	116.92
(+/-)	n/a	n/a	n/a
(%)	n/a	n/a	n/a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Feb	104.0	103.5	Jun	104.3	104.3
May	104.8	104.8	Volume: 14		

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Jan 134.50
Mar 136.15
May 138.10
Jun 139.00
Sep 107.50
Volume: 121

BARLEY (close £/t)
Jan 130.00
Mar 133.00
May 134.00
Sep 106.15
Nov 108.85
Volume: 154

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Feb 153.80
Apr 151.50
Jun 141.50
Aug 142.50
Oct 147.00
Volume: 50

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	62.2	62.3
May	unq	71.5
Apr	88.5	89.3
Volume: 8		

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Feb 63.75-63.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Oil prices showed some signs that they had found a bottom, although the outlook remained fragile.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.60	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Jan)	17.65	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Feb)	17.85	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	19.15	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	19.25	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	187 (n/c)	188 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	170 (n/c)	171 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jan	176 (n/c)	177 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Feb	174 (-1)	175 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (n/c)	70 (n/c)
Naphtha	180 (+2)	182 (+2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jan	184.75-85.50	Apr	194.00-97.50
Feb	184.50-87.50	May	197.00-00.00
Mar	187.00-90.00	Jun	196.00-03.00
		Vol:	262

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	17.83-17.84	May	n/a
Mar	17.97-17.98	Jun	n/a
Apr	18.10 SLR	Vol:	30822

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jan	184.75-85.50	Apr	194.00-97.50
Feb	184.50-87.50	May	197.00-00.00
Mar	187.00-90.00	Vol:	262

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 93	1276	1260	1260
Feb 93	1251	1235	1235
Mar 93	1250	1245	1243
Apr 93	1245	1235	1240

Vol: 344 lots. Open Interest: 3270 Index 1338 -17

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev. day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1545.0-1545.5	1562.5-1563.0	1134925
Lead (£/tonne)	291.50-292.00	302.00-302.25	65525
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1058.0-1058.5	1077.0-1077.5	377775
Tin ($/tonne)	5990.0-6000.0	6055.0-6060.0	10670
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1200.0-1200.5	1222.5-1223.0	775925
Nickel ($/tonne)	6195.0-6200.0	6275.0-6280.0	58254

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Renison	Mining	
2	FS Cons	Mining	
3	Cape	Industrial	
4	Welkom	Mining	
5	GRE	Insurance	
6	Watson & Phil	Foods	
7	ACT Group	Electrical	
8	Clifford Food 'A'	Foods	
9	Watts Blake	Building,Rds	
10	Cater Allen	Banks,Disc	
11	Eng China Cl	Industrial	
12	Johnstne Press	Newspapr,Pub	
13	Wagon Ind	Industrial	
14	Hanson	Industrial	
15	Wessex Water	Water	
16	Lister	Textiles	
17	ERF	Motors,Air	
18	Cook (Wm)	Industrial	
19	Flextech	Finance, Land	
20	Tunstall	Electrical	
21	Banks (S C)	Foods	
22	Dorling Kind	Newspapr,Pub	
23	BTP	Chems,Plas	
24	Wolseley	Industrial	
25	Trafalgar H	Industrial	
26	Telemetrix	Electrical	
27	MEPC	Property	
28	Sage Gp	Electrical	
29	Albert Fisher	Foods	
30	Avon Rubber	Industrial	
31	EIS	Industrial	
32	Thorntons	Foods	
33	Pressac	Electrical	
34	Dunhill	Drapery,Strs	
35	Orange Free	Mining	
36	Blick	Electrical	
37	Menvier-Sw	Electrical	
38	Brammer	Industrial	
39	Matthew Clark	Breweries	
40	Berkeley Gp	Building,Rds	
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Losses halved

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 4: Dealings end January 15. §Contango day January 18. Settlement day January 25. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75	39	McCarthy & S	25½	...	0.5	6.1	...
433	181	Meyer Int	292	-1	16.5	7.5	30.1
14	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	67	+2	10.5	...	...
73	18	NSM	73	+1	...	...	...
165	90	Newman Tonks	139	+4	9.3	8.9	21.5
327	146	Persimmon	224	-1	8.6	5.1	18.4
36	19	Phoenix Timber	25	+1	...	...	...
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	29.0	2.7	8.9
155	66	Prowting	83	+1	3.4	5.5	...
23	5	Quiltponts	5	...	...	...	...
669	383	RMC Gp	570	+1	20.0	4.7	21.2
137	67	Raine Ind	106	+2	6.0	7.5	17.7
96	23	Ransom	34	...	...	0.4	...
565	300	Redland	439	+1	25.0	7.6	27.3
101	61	Roshel	71	+2	4.3	8.1	9.5
248	152	Rugby Group	241	+1	6.4	3.6	18.2
48	25	Sniffle-Ryes	28	+1	...	...	4.7
98	30	Sharpe & Fisher	71	+3	4.0	7.5	...
124	70	Sheffield Insl	124	+1	5.4	5.8	32.1
83	53	Sheriff Hldgs	82	...	...	3.3	...
85	53	Shires	68	...	...	10.2	10.5
272	188	Smart (J)	225	+2	8.5	5.0	10.2
15	6	Starmin	6½	...	0.3	6.2	7.8
161	51	Tarmac	107	...	5.5	6.9	44.2
226	129	Try Homes	167	+5	5.8	4.7	9.2
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	66	-1	9.5	...	9.3
688	398	Tilbury Dougls	403	+5	33.0	9.5	15.3
48	18	Torex Hines	19	...	...	2.8	...
220	105	Travis Perkins	180	...	8.0	5.9	25.5
58	20	Try Group	38	-1	6.0	...	4.1
38	28	Tudor	28	...	...	...	...
106	45	Vibroplant	66	...	3.6	7.3	12.1
55	12	Ward Hldgs	22	-1	0.5	...	...
43	22	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
402	265	Watts Blake	365	+5	9.3	3.4	19.0
19	9	Wescol	12	...	...	...	...
129	45	Westbury	96	...	...	6.8	...
18	5	West Scaffold	5	...	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	394	-2	8.7	2.9	20.2
221	96	Wilson (C)	175	...	3.9	3.0	27.8
189	65	Wimpey G	114	-2	...	6.1	43.8
81	26	YRM	31	...	4.0	17.2	3.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	343	ADT	490	...	...	...	...
248	193	Adam & Harvey	198	...	11.0	7.4	3.1
127	53	Air London	75	-3	...	6.2	9.3
63	34	African Lakes	37	...	2.0	7.2	7.4
152	81	Asto Sec	130	...	4.9	5.0	10.6
208	80	BET Ord	103½	+6½	...	8.4	15.2
100	41	BNB Res	51	...	4.9	12.8	6.0
283	208	BPP	273	+5	6.9	3.4	15.4
280	178	Barbour Index	275	+5	7.2	3.5	20.1
30½	13	Boustead	20	...	0.7	4.7	40.9
192	111	Brit Data Mgt	190	...	...	2.8	15.8
14	9	Broadcastle	12	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	58	...	4.0	...	18.5
142	72	CRT Gp	100	...	2.4	3.3	11.5
433	262	Capita Group	433	+4	5.4	1.7	24.9
36	19	Cedar Plc	34½	+½	0.5	1.9	13.0
220	25½	Chiltern Capital	40	-10	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	26	...	...	...	...
245	180	Chubb Sec	243	-1	...	1.5	26.8
43	18	Comace	28	+3½	...	...	...
31	3½	Corp Services	10½	+½	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	52	...	3.3	8.5	5.9
216	145	Davis Service	210	...	7.9	5.1	15.9
115	85	EW Facia	85	...	...	6.8	6.3
57	8	Gardiner	15	...	1.3	11.6	4.7
48	21	Gardner (DC)	33	...	...	...	...
299	163	Hays	233	-6	4.6	2.6	22.9
251	167½	Hogg Robinson	218	-2	6.3	3.9	16.4
143½	43	Holmes Protectn	68	...	...	...	...
147	98	Hutch Whamp	127	-2	...	...	13.6
£101	6837½	ISS B DKr	9850	...	...	1.1	13.9
576	375	Inchcape	558	-1	12.5	3.0	23.7
689	561	Johnson Clean	689	+13	25.7	5.0	14.3
18½	2½	Lep	3½	...	...	...	...
210	166	Mitie Gp	175	+1	2.7	2.1	15.0
992	682	Manpower	926	...	...	...	...
44	32½	Michael Page	41	...	1.8	5.9	11.4
225	88	Pennas	218	...	...	1.2	55.2
5½	4	Prime People	4½	+½	...	...	...
398	68	Prontfoot Alex	82	-5	19.5	28.3	2.0
453	355	RCO	385	...	12.6	4.4	13.5
183	117	REA	117	...	4.0	4.6	...
81	48	Reed Executive	68	...	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Secs	133	...	...	4.5	13.4
13	4	Rentaminster	4	...	...	...	...
212	134	Rentokil	209	-2	1.6	1.1	30.7
240	180	Roth & Nolan	240	...	6.2	3.4	16.5
253	234	Salvesen (C)	353	+2	7.0	2.6	19.5
43	25	Scott Pickford	29	...	...	3.7	8.0
188	98	Securiguard	188	+2	8.5	6.0	10.2
12	1½	Select Appt	5	...	...	...	...
710	555	Serco Gp	710	+3	11.9	2.2	22.8
283	132	Sherwd Cmpt	254	...	...	3.1	6.8
157	82½	Sketchley	108	-1	3.0	3.7	13.2
360	220	Warner Howrd	341	+4	5.9	2.3	19.3
81	41½	Welpac	45	...	0.6	1.8	...
19½	7½	Wills Gp	15½	...	0.1	0.9	19.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
245	162	Allied Colloids	245	+1	3.9	2.1	19.5
651	413	Amersham	646	-1	12.5	2.6	23.9
31½	5½	Anglo Utd	5½	...	0.8	...	...
9025	7362½	BASF DM	8400	-62½	...	9.3	...
280	201	BTP	254	+9	8.8	4.6	18.6
£112	9050	Bayer DM50	£106	-350	...	5.3	...
248	126	Blagden	153	...	9.5	8.3	11.0
154	115	Brent Chems	154	...	7.3	6.4	72.8
453	418	Br Bio-Tech	438	...	...	...	...
95	13	Caird Gp	20	...	2.5	17.3	5.0
179	112	Canning (W)	131	...	7.2	7.4	10.5
616	371	Courtaulds	602	-1	13.0	2.9	16.3
243	142	Croda	243	+4	7.5	4.1	15.8
211	152	Ellis & Everard	197	+1	7.0	4.8	15.8
16	7	Euro Colour	16	...	0.6	5.4	...
108	43	Evode	106	+1	3.5	4.6	...
265	171	Halstead (J)	265	...	...	3.0	14.2
227	158	Hickson	196	...	7.8	5.3	12.5
£102	7537½	Hoechst	9775	-100	...	8.0	...
1410	973	ICI	1108	-1	55.0	6.6	26.7
665	454	Laporte	610	-3	18.9	4.1	16.4
328	138	Leigh	208	+4	7.8	5.0	17.0
250	11	MTM	16	...	1.8	...	3.2
1550	1100	Norsk Hydro	1525	...	...	2.2	...
400	360	Paterson Zoch	378	+3	11.4	4.0	16.3
395	355	-do- 'A'	366	+3	11.4	4.2	15.8
301	231	Plysu	265	+2	6.0	3.0	17.9
183	130	Porvair	183	+2	...	2.4	19.0
11	4½	Sutcliffe Speak	7½	...	...	...	...
471	329	Wardle Storeys	471	+15	16.0	4.5	18.9
425	270	Wolstnhme R	425	+5	16.3	5.1	18.7
389	253	Yorks Chem	380	...	...	2.5	19.8
273	214	Yule Catto	261	+13	5.4	2.8	15.9

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
383	90	Alexon	100	+2	10.6	14.1	5.4
108	23	Amber Day	51	+5	3.1	8.1	14.0
306	190	Argos Plc	277	-5	6.4	3.1	19.2
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	90	+7	0.1	0.1	...
298	180	Asprey	285	...	...	2.3	23.1
240	180	Austin Reed	200	...	6.0	...	58.2
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	132	...	5.7	5.8	12.6
141	74	Bentalls	97	-6	3.8	5.3	54.7
225	86	Benetware	222	+1	...	0.7	30.6
114	22	Blacks Leis	31	...	3.3	...	...
371	138	Body Shop	176	-15	1.6	1.2	30.7
13½	3	Brown & Jackson	12½	+½	...	...	...
329	260	Brown (N)	329	+5	6.0	2.4	20.4
120	30	Burton	80	+1½	2.0	3.4	...
320	126	Cantors	132	+1	...	2.7	39.1
358	245	Church	305	+5	12.5	5.5	25.1
131	58	Clinton Cards	101	+1	3.7	5.0	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	223	+2	7.0	4.2	25.6
163	77	Colourvision	86	...	...	8.4	14.5
380	300	Courts Furnish	380	+1	5.0	1.8	19.0
252	100	Crown Eyes	150	...	...	5.3	7.0
111	65	Dairy Farm Intl	98	+1	...	...	17.3
52½	27½	Dewhirst (D)	52½	+½	0.7	1.8	17.4
286	179	Dixons Grp	277	-3	6.0	2.9	30.6
495	355	Dunhill	386	+7	7.7	2.7	13.4
33	13	ERA Gp	20	...	...	...	9.2
780	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	4.0	11.8
86	36½	Essex Furn	84	+10	...	4.4	16.8
258	199	Etam	218	-4	6.6	4.0	19.5
519	340	Fine Art Dev	513	...	11.0	2.9	19.7
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	27	...	4.0	...	19.7
500	438	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
26	5	French Conn	24	...	...	...	...
75	29	Gabicci	42	...	...	6.3	8.4
89	39	Gent SR	48	+1	2.0	5.6	14.1
32	18	Goldsmiths Gp	27	+3	1.6	...	...
2400	1800	GUS	2400	...	40.0	2.2	19.0
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1710	+5	40.0	3.1	13.5
75	30	Hampden Grp	34	...	...	7.8	4.8
283	123	Harstone	230	+8	4.8	2.8	14.1
25	16½	Helene Plc	21	+½	2.0	12.8	9.2
33	18	Heritage	23	...	...	...	...
58	25	Honeysuckle	44	+1	...	3.0	7.3
168	130	Hse of Lerose	141	...	10.3	9.7	21.4
196	40	Jacques Vert	64	...	2.0	4.2	...
598	414	Kingfisher	589	...	13.0	2.9	17.7
73	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	3.0	8.1	11.1
665	405	Liberty	545	+15	7.2	1.8	37.1
373	162	Lloyds Chem	283	-3	5.5	2.6	11.1
152	90½	MFI	145	...	...	3.4	19.3
348	268	Marks Spencer	329	...	7.1	2.9	20.0
474	319	Menzies (John)	472	-2	10.0	2.8	16.8
140	110	Moss Bros	139	...	5.0	4.8	28.8
150	57	Next	149½	+2½	0.7	0.7	20.3
85	17	Oliver (G)	17	...	1.0	...	...
322	110	Oriflame Intl	220	...	...	5.6	14.1
143	49	Pentos	60	-2	2.7	6.1	7.1
53½	3½	Pepe Group	4	...	...	...	0.3
263	202	QS Hldgs	263	+3	4.7	2.4	20.4
29	7	Ratners Group	13½	-½	2.4	23.7	...
32½	10	Rhino Grp	24	-2½	...	...	...
180	110	Sherwood Gp	140	...	...	2.2	13.5
115	54	Sears	101	...	...	4.6	27.7
523	357	Smith WH 'A'	488	-7	13.4	3.7	15.9
29	14	Specialeyes	14	...	...	...	...
207	87	Storehouse	196	+1	5.0	3.4	...
256	153	T & S Stores	185	...	5.5	4.0	12.0
74	27	Tie Rack	73	...	0.5	0.9	...
165	132	Time Products	167	+2	7.5	6.0	16.5
86	47	Usher (Frank)	70	...	...	9.5	8.9
38	23	Vivat	28	...	...	...	77.3
68	28	Wengmore	37	...	...	...	6.6
104	53	Wickes	85	+4	...	...	...
70	28	Wld of Leather	48	+3	...	...	56.5
205	102½	Wyevale	148	...	...	3.4	14.5
7	3	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	7.2

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elect	64	+2½	...	3.6	16.6
197	128	ACT Group	169	+7	4.5	...	...
231	195	Acals	225	...	...	3.5	18.7
47½	6	Acorn Comp	41	+2	...	...	...
390	290	Admiral	390	...	4.8	1.6	17.7
135	94	Alba	108	+2	4.7	5.9	14.1
75	7	Alphameric	20	+½	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	23	...	0.4	2.3	...
141	83	App Holo	109	+6	...	...	...
22	12	Arlen	17	...	...	...	...
38	12	Astec	37½	...	...	...	...
292	218	Bealer-Hunter	270	+13	9.2	4.6	12.3
20	1½	Bennett & Fountl	4	...	...	...	...
361	207	BICC	346	-7	19.2	7.4	20.2
480	314	Blick	480	+5	9.2	2.6	...
4575	1250	Bodand	1350	-25	...	...	...
390	208	Bowthorpe	380	+1	0.0	2.8	19.8
418½	305	BT	393	-1	14.4	4.9	14.3
315	212	BT New	288	-1	14.4	4.9	14.3
8½	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7	+½	0.1	2.2	...
228	80	Burnfield	110	...	...	7.0	15.8
718	489	Cable Wireless	702	-4	13.2	2.5	21.7
14½	4½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
303	205	CML Micro	233	...	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Comptr People	80	...	5.4	...	10.3
16	8	Cranbrook	8	...	...	...	...
129	60½	Cray Elect	129½	+10½	...	0.5	39.9
506	331	Delta	451	+13	14.0	4.3	17.0
210	148	Densmore El	210	...	...	3.7	9.5
491	375	Domino	484	-1	6.2	1.7	19.1
66	43	Dowding Mills	49	+1	2.5	6.8	16.1
1015	750	Dracks	913	+3	...	1.4	22.2
375	233	Electrocomponts	375	+3	7.0	2.5	20.3
545	286	El Data Prc	485	+5	5.1	1.4	...
50	28	Elerton House	50	-2	2.3	6.3	18.9
25½	7	Emess	11	+½	1.0	...	...
472	292	Eurotherm	471	+14	7.2	2.0	26.1
114	51	FKI	114	-3	2.3	2.7	22.1
367	227	Farnell Elect	366	+14	5.8	2.1	19.0
40	18	Feedback	33	...	...	...	...
13	3½	Ferranti	11½	...	...	...	...
106	30	First Tech	105	...	...	...	...
84	72	Forward Gp	81	...	...	4.1	9.7
28½	10	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
288	183	GEC	274	-4½	9.6	4.7	14.5
227	102	Gresby	138	+5	10.9	10.5	12.0
57	38	Hinchins	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
452	395	Hoskyns Gp	452	...	2.4	0.7	...
135	68	INSTEM	85	...	...	8.6	5.4

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
323	190	Jones Stroud	323	+3	8.0	3.3	15.8
21	8	Kembrey	8	...	0.3	6.3	3.1
319	47	Kewill Sys	55	...	...	...	2.8
120½	92	Kode	116	+16	...	4.6	15.3
20	8	Laser-Scan	16	...	...	...	...
129	49½	LBMS	125	...	...	...	...
315	255	Lec Refrig	257	...	14.5	7.5	19.6
178	125	Life Sciences	177	...	3.3	2.5	19.6
232	130	Logica	171	+2	3.6	2.8	24.6
35	45	LPA Ind	40	...	...	10.2	12.1
538	371	Macro 4	538	...	...	3.2	20.0
555	305	Menvier-Swa	555	+5	...	2.2	19.0
211	150	Microfilm Rep	208	+5	4.3	2.8	19.9
2253	1463	Micro Focus	2223	-2	...	...	30.3
211	130	Microgen	211	+11	7.0	4.4	14.8
35	13	Microvitec	24	...	...	...	...
377	201	Misys	377	+2	6.1	2.2	21.2
117	40	Mitel	113	+1	...	...	...
123	78	MMT Comp	122	...	...	3.8	15.6
92	26	Molynx	26	...	4.0	20.5	2.5
373	208	MTL Instr	365	...	...	2.2	12.7
146	82	Muirhead Elect	146	...	3.0	2.8	17.6
117	71	Murray Enter	117	+1	1.8	2.2	...
5487½	3962½	NYNEX	5475	-100	...	...	...
153	115	Neptronics	148	...	2.9	2.3	20.0
63	32	Newmark (L)	45	...	...	...	...
76	33	Norbain	76	+5	...	1.8	15.7
50	20	Northamber	24	+4	0.5	2.8	...
17½	10½	Oceonics	12	-½	...	...	7.8
254	165	Oxford Inst	199	...	4.3	2.9	13.3
127	46	P-E Internl	49	...	6.2	...	...
68	16	P & P	35	+3	4.3	...	12.5
66	42	Peek	59	+1	3.4	7.7	17.4
190	85	Pegasus	115	...	...	8.1	...
9200	7000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1187½	625	-do- Lmp pv	762½	...	...	...	...
363	310	Plico	355	+2	7.7	2.9	30.3
350	280	-do- 'A' Voting	315	+2	7.7	3.3	26.9
91	48	Plasmec	85	+3	...	3.9	10.9
98	66	Pressac	85	+7	2.4	3.8	12.4
220	66	Psion	120	+2	...	2.7	...
7	2	Ptarmigan	6½	...	...	...	...
182	129	Racal Elect	181	+2	1.5	1.1	21.4
46	26	Radamec	45	...	0.5	1.5	26.4
58	25	Radius	44	+1	...	8.2	32.7
118	69	Real Time	88	...	...	4.5	8.0
28	10	Rivas	23	-1	...	...	...
515	328	Sage Gp	511	+8	9.0	2.4	...
60	44	Scantronic	58	...	2.9	6.8	18.3
134	92	Scholes Grp	129	...	5.0	5.2	25.3
340	179	Sema Gp	327	...	2.6	1.1	28.1
50	29	Soundtracks	38	...	...	7.7	10.3
1981½	1275	TDK	1837½	...	...	1.4	20.8
8	3	TDS Circuits	5	...	...	...	...
89	30	Telemetrix	89	+8	0.6	0.9	31.0
988	633	THORN EMI	965	+3	30.1	4.7	22.2
110	88	Thorpe FW	107	...	2.5	3.1	11.0
78	33	Total Systems	75	...	2.2	4.0	13.4
382	190	Tunstall	382	+4	6.0	2.1	...
236	123	Unitech	180	...	5.8	4.3	22.8
24½	9	Verity	11	...	...	...	...
27	13	Visteca	24	...	...	1.7	20.5
434	285	Vodafone	426	-1	...	1.8	20.9
425	280	Volex	425	+15	17.0	5.3	20.9
16	10	Western Selecm	16	+3	...	...	...
287	153	Wholesale Ftgs	238	-4	11.7	6.6	20.4

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	434	+3	17.1	5.3	8.2
429	266	Eastern Elect	425	+1	16.7	5.3	10.4
249	143	Hydro-Elect	248	+3	10.1	4.3	11.2
465	288	London Elect	442	+1	16.8	5.1	8.5
513	324	Manweb	486	...	18.2	5.0	7.0
480	287	Midlands Elec	475	+3	17.2	4.9	9.8
480	285	Northern Elec	481	...	18.5	5.2	7.0
491	298	Norweb	480	...	17.7	5.0	8.9
247	142	Scottish Power	237	+3	10.1	4.4	11.3
474	287	Seeboard	464	+2	17.2	5.0	8.4
530	313	Sth Wales	497	+3	19.4	5.2	7.9
474	299	Sth Western	463	-3	17.4	5.1	8.2
449	270	Southern Elec	437	+1	16.6	5.1	8.6
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	491	+1	17.7	4.8	9.1
290½	188	National Powr	275	+2	9.1	4.5	9.0
285	196	PowerGen	275	+1	9.2	4.5	8.5

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	56	+1	0.5	...	35.8
61	37½	BWD	55	+4	...	7.3	7.7
124	23	Baltic Plc	32	...	4.3	...	2.8
453	299	Caledonia	453	...	14.4	4.2	17.4
1950	1050	Camellia	1100	+25	27.0	3.3	0.2
290	203	Candover	251	...	9.5	5.0	20.7
87	48	Flextech	87	+6	...	...	8.6
156	103	Govett	155	...	...	8.9	4.3
156	97	Ivory Sime	130	...	...	6.4	13.8
6½	3½	LIT	4	...	...	...	...
165	7½	Lightship	11	...	...	...	...
155	110	Lon Forfaiting	155	...	...	6.6	13.5
84	14	Manskin	69	...	...	...	...
11	1½	Nat Home Loan	3½	...	...	...	...
41	24	Newmarket	41	...	...	...	...
255	179	Rathbone Brs	255	+1	...	2.6	18.1
19	9½	Rutland Tst	19	...	0.8	5.6	10.3
330	120	S & U	327	+12	...	3.3	11.8
45	21	Silverimes	28	...	10.3	...	...
52	34	Singer & Fried	52	...	2.5	6.4	11.4
863	575	Sothebys	825	...	...	4.6	...
93	73	SIP Capital	87	+1	5.0	4.6	15.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1666½	1043½	Amer Express	1643½	+18½	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	186	...	6.7	4.8	...
873	535	Henderson Ad	858	-5	41.0	6.4	18.9
100	50	Invesco MIM	100	...	...	4.0	14.7
223	121	Jardine Strat	166	+1	...	4.1	8.0
174	100½	MAI	167	-2	6.0	4.8	12.1
429	244	MAM	415	-4	11.5	3.7	16.6
665	460	M & G	652	-7	20.0	4.1	17.3
133	81	Smith New Crt	124	...	4.5	4.8	4.9
98	57	Sterling Tst	97	...	...	...	8.5

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
514	362	AB Food	514	+6	14.0	3.7	11.6
65	22½	ASDA Group	65	+2	2.1	...	16.6
177	75	Acatos & Hutch	177	+4	6.5	5.0	...
83	31	Albert Fisher	83	+3	3.7	7.9	10.5
432	273	Argyll	397	-2	9.7	3.3	15.6
27½	11	Ashley Group	19½	...	0.7	5.1	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	136	+5	7.0	6.9	25.1
180	143	Banks (S C)	180	+8	8.2	6.2	8.9
340	266	Barr (AG)	335	+5	5.4	2.2	16.6
117	74	Benson Crisps	76	...	...	5.0	8.1
27½	10	Birdsford Intl	24	...	...	...	...
490	312	Booker	434	-26	21.7	6.7	13.2
42	21	Borthwick	37½	-½	1.1	3.9	26.2
472	334	Brake Bros	472	+16	5.7	1.6	19.7
51	31	Budgen	48½	-½	...	...	16.5
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	467	+5	12.5	3.6	17.2
107	64	Carrs Milling	84	+6	3.9	6.2	16.8
210	105	Clifford Fd 'A'	157	+7	11.5	9.8	7.4
186	140	Conswick	186	...	...	5.4	13.7
38	8	Cullens	11½	...	0.5	5.8	6.2
435	275	Dalepak	383	+4	6.0	2.1	17.0
486	352	Dalgety	483	-1	19.5	5.4	16.0
54	27	Daniels S	30	+1	0.2	1.1	32.8
132½	92½	Everest	129	+2	...	3.6	13.4
275	234	Farepak	270	...	...	2.5	19.1
16	3	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
81	53	Finlay (James)	80	+1	4.1	6.9	15.0
93	68	Fyffes	81	+1	...	2.0	10.5
440	249	Geest	405	+30	7.9	2.6	15.4
13	5	Global	8½	...	...	7.8	7.8
49	34	Grand Central	45	+1	1.1	3.4	...
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	160	+2	6.1	4.8	10.2
200	68	Hillsdown	145	+4	8.8	8.1	8.7
61	27	Hunter Saphir	28	...	2.5	...	...
672	412	Iceland Frozen	667	+24	8.5	1.7	17.8
142	103	JLI Group	123	+10	4.5	4.9	17.7
827	514	Kwik Save	800	-3	16.0	2.7	16.7
289½	169	Low (Wm)	250	...	8.4	4.5	12.1
74	29	Matthews (B)	42	...	4.5	...	8.9
33	9	Merchant Retail	15½	...	1.1	10.0	36.2
177	83½	Morrison (W)	163	-1	...	0.5	25.5
515	318	Nichols (JN)	458	+13	12.3	3.6	13.1
337½	215	Nthn Foods	282	+8	...	3.7	15.5
48	11	Nutmilum Fds	14	...	...	7.1	5.8
186	132	Nurdin Peack	177	...	5.5	4.2	12.0
215	78½	Park Foods	215	+3	3.2	2.0	25.7
155	49	Perkins Food	97	-1	4.3	5.9	8.4
301	130	RHM	296	-5	...	6.3	15.0
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
582	337	Sainsbury J	575	-4	8.7	2.0	21.4
61	35	Sentry Farms	36	...	...	3.7	8.4
340	175	Sims Food	194	+1	11.2	7.7	10.5
443	283	Tate & Lyle	407	-3	12.0	3.9	15.0
286	194½	Tesco	271	-½	6.3	3.1	12.9
230	152	Thorntons	204	+6	3.6	2.4	19.0
133	83	Treats	108	...	...	4.5	12.6
368	192	Unigate	329	+19	15.3	6.2	11.7
440	222	Utd Biscuits	365	...	15.3	5.6	12.7
25	12	Usborne	24	...	0.4	2.2	14.8
357	205	Watson & Phil	283	+6	12.8	6.5	11.3

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abbots Stk Hse	16	...	...	...	...
79	52	Cliy Centre Rest	79	+1	1.4	2.5	22.1
282	112	Forte	189	-2½	9.9	7.0	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	178	+10	5.5	4.1	14.3
12	5	Harmony Leis	9	...	...	...	...
267	126	Ladbroke	190	+2	11.1	7.8	15.7
70	37½	Mandarin Orntl	62	...	...	5.1	17.8
92	26	Queens Moat	50	-1	2.8	7.7	6.7
118	51½	-do- 7½% cnv	89½	+½	7.5	11.3	...
5	1½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
98½	16	Resort Hotels	32½	...	3.4	14.2	4.1
750	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	718	...	7.0	1.3	...
40	28	Simpsons Crn	36	...	...	...	...
44	23	Stakis	44	+3	0.9	...	...

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
196	135	AAF Inds	186	...	...	5.6	9.8
607	460	AAH	607	+15	16.3	3.6	19.3
203	122	AIM	167	+3	6.5	5.2	11.8
136	78	APV	114	+2	5.4	6.3	20.6
165	50	ASW	94	+12	9.0	...	17.8
139	86	Adwest	131	+1	7.0	7.1	18.6
33	5	Aerospace Eng	11½	...	1.0	11.6	7.0
460	253	Airsprung	460	+5	7.5	2.2	12.8
115	38	Alexdra W	115	...	3.6	4.2	62.2
22	12	Allied Radio	13	...	...	...	...
443	358	Alumasc	433	+5	11.0	3.4	13.2
62	9	Alvis	18	+1	1.0	7.4	...
400	308	Amber Ind	385	...	17.0	5.9	10.3
33	13	Amberley Gp	20	...	...	6.7	...
180	125	Andersen Sytes	139	...	4.4	4.2	19.4
708	503	Armitagasta	705	-3	...	2.7	17.2
41½	29½	Armour	37	...	1.4	5.4	10.9
166	123	Ash & Lacy	150	...	6.4	5.7	12.4
3½	1½	Ass Br Eng	3	+½	0.0	2.2	...
487	300	Avon Rubber	455	+7	16.5	4.8	...
175	103	Avon Nurse	175	...	...	...	6.7
860	445	Atlas Rsalon	610	+10	...	4.6	12.6
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	36	...	...	...	...
170	107	BBA	165½	+1½	7.5	6.0	21.3
53	24	BLP Group	28	...	...	...	...
417	56	BM Gp	56	-1	5.0	8.8	3.2
774	583	BOC	760	+3	23.2	4.1	16.7
73½	51½	BSG	73	+½	3.2	5.8	19.8
408	256	BSS Group	391	+26	...	5.0	15.6
561	381	BTR	552	-7	16.5	4.0	19.4
205	115	BWI	205	...	6.7	4.4	22.6
70	26½	Babcock	38½	...	3.1	...	8.0
7½	3½	Bailey (CH)	4½	...	...	...	...
267	193	Baird (Wm)	246	+2	8.9	4.8	13.6
1037½	550	Barlow Rand	587½	...	...	6.5	3.6
45	7	Barrett (H)	7	...	2.0	...	16.2
62	37	Baynes (Charles)	50	...	1.3	3.6	16.0
35	11	Beaufort	11	...	1.8	...	...
18	5	Beckenham	8	...	...	8.3	...
31	10	Bedford (W)	18	...	...	...	...
29½	13	Benson Group	22	...	0.1	0.6	20.6
623	444	Bespak	622	...	9.0	1.9	19.3
181	109	Bibby (J)	123	-1	9.7	11.2	6.8
144	84	Billam (J)	143	+1	4.2	4.0	6.6

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
55	28	Ellison Barrows	31	...	...	...	18.4
77½	3½	Birmec Ind	11½	+1	0.6	...	...
38	20	Black Arrow	32	...	2.1	8.8	7.6
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	½	...	...	...	...
153	100	Black (Peter)	153	+3	2.9	2.6	18.6
140	32	Bluebird Toys	139	...	...	...	...
495	361	Bodycote	495	+1	9.2	2.5	17.5
571	398	Boots	535	-6	12.4	3.1	20.1
84	40	Booth Inds	58	+7	3.2	7.4	6.0
508	312½	Bowater	476	-9	...	3.1	21.7
1637	909	Bowater Inc	1548	-41	...	...	...
201	126	Boxmore Indn	201	+2	...	2.3	19.4
20	13	Brasway	15½	...	0.5	5.0	20.0
274	186	Brammer	217	+8	13.0	8.0	14.9
33	11	Bridgend Gp	13	...	1.2	...	5.9
103	34	Bridon	68	+5	4.0	...	...
82	38	Bridport-Gndry	35	...	4.1	9.9	10.3
58	23	Brierley Inv	34	+1	...	8.8	8.9
543	308	Br Bldg & Eng	308	...	...	...	...
47	38	Br Bloodstock	42	...	...	...	...
475	348	Br Polythene	450	...	9.0	2.7	13.7
86	43½	Br Steel	62	+4½	...	2.2	59.0
100	88	Br Syphon	100	...	3.0	4.0	28.0
13	9	Br Thornton	11½	...	...	2.9	...
294	212	Br Vita	249	-1	...	3.8	16.4
7	5½	Britton Grp	6½	-½	...	...	...
623	429	Broken Hill	574	...	...	3.2	27.3
128½	67	Bromsgrve Ind	79	...	4.0	6.8	10.9
15	3	Brooke Tool	7½	...	0.2	...	...
83	38	Brown & Tawse	55	...	4.7	...	...
174	63	Bullough	96	...	6.0	8.4	9.4
37	13	Business Techs	19	...	...	...	22.9
38	12	CI Group	19	...	2.0	14.4	7.8
66	14	Campbll & Arm	16	...	2.0	...	...
30	2	Cannon St	11	-1½	3.3	...	...
238	164	Cape	220	+7	10.5	6.4	14.0
179	130	Carclo Eng	179	...	7.8	5.8	15.4
2255	1675	Carnaud Mtl	2150	...	...	4.2	8.7
80	55	Cassidy Bros	78	...	...	4.1	8.6
195	118	Castings	162	+1	4.0	3.3	11.5
140	90	Chamberlin Hill	113	...	6.0	7.1	6.8
658	467	Charter Cons	655	+37	21.5	4.4	15.7
913	703	Chemring	898	...	32.6	4.8	13.5
130	90	Chieftain Gp	90	...	...	7.3	10.0
39	18	Chillington	27	+2	0.5	2.5	...
170	90	Christies Int	147	+1	3.3	...	...
53	33	Clayhithe	40	...	2.5	8.3	...
140	80	Clayton Son	80	...	3.0	5.0	...
7	¼	Co Designers	7	...	0.2	...	...
409	255	Cohen (A)	400	...	10.0	...	...
247	188	Community H	223	...	6.5	3.9	13.9
381	252	Concentric	381	...	11.1	3.9	...
335	88	Cook (Wm)	127	+7	10.0	...	8.5
203	103	Cookson	195	-5	6.0	4.1	27.1
60	35	Copymore	43	+2	...	8.4	8.4
240	176	Crowd Fkt 'A'	237	+1	5.3	3.2	17.9
178	118	Cosalt	171	-7	10.7	8.4	28.0
250	180	Creighton Nt	220	...	...	4.2	15.9
30	20	CrestaCare	27	...	0.7	3.5	17.4
3162½	1450½	Dana	3150	+62½	...	...	...
378	168	Danka Bs Sys	378	+14	3.7	1.3	11.6
11	5	Davies (DY)	7	...	...	...	...
681	474	De La Rue	658	+16	15.0	3.0	20.2
23	10	Dialkle Heel	16	...	0.9	7.9	7.6
410	263	Diploma	410	+1	9.7	3.2	21.3
88	43	Dobson Park	53	...	5.7	14.5	...
104	90	Dyson (J&J)	92	...	5.0	7.2	13.2
66	54	-do- 'A'	58	...	5.0	11.5	8.3
16	8	EFG	9	...	...	...	...
426	355	EIS	409	+6	11.7	3.8	15.2
29	12	EIT Gp	15	...	...	...	...
23	16	Ebief	21	+1	...	...	...
57	28	Eleco	43	+3	3.3	10.2	25.3
2700	1550	Electrolux 'B'	2225	-21½	...	6.4	28.3
480	45	Elliott (B)	45	...	...	...	...
605	330	Eng China Cl	468	+9	20.0	5.7	16.1
1825	900	Ericsson 'B'	1650	+12½	...	2.0	51.4
91	56	Erskine Hse	65	...	0.6	13.6	6.8
101	28	Eurocopy	34	+1	1.6	6.4	...
158	29	Expamet	51	+3	10.3	...	6.1
527	302	Fairey Group	527	+16	9.0	2.3	17.5
108	61	Fenner	88	-3	4.2	6.4	16.6
37	18	Ferraris Group	33	-1	...	4.0	7.5
1½	½	Ferrometal	½	...	...	...	...
51	19	Ferrum	27	...	...	2.5	12.3	7.3
81	35	Fife Indmar	35	...	4.9	...	4.7
403	143	Fisons	242	-5	8.7	4.8	17.6
61	28	Fitzwilton	35	...	...	14.5	...
250	200	Flogas	215	...	...	4.9	8.4
56	39	Folkes Group nv	40	...	2.3	7.0	8.1
73	42	French (Thmas)	60	-1	3.6	8.1	20.4
520	288	Frost Group	520	+10	2.0	0.5	33.5
115	65	GEI Int	74	...	7.3	13.2	15.2
467	281	GKN	467	+5	20.5	5.9	29.9
93	40	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	6.3	...
130	84	Garton Eng	84	...	7.0	...	...
162	93	Gestetner	155	+1	8.2	7.4	...
58	21	Glaves	36	...	...	...	26.0
943	632	Glaxo	737	-8	17.0	3.1	22.3
20	14	Glenchewton	16	...	...	...	...
282	183	Glynwed	259	...	11.6	6.0	25.5
97	63	Goode Durrant	67	...	5.4	10.7	11.8
199	79	Grampian Hd	122	+1	5.5	6.0	15.8
379	192	Granada	362	-1	...	2.8	19.5
305	245	Great Ukrn	308	...	...	4.4	13.1
125	75	Green (Ernst)	80	...	...	11.7	11.0
11	6	Greenacre	8½	+½	...	3.8	9.4
20	8	Guardian Grp	8	...	...	...	...
125½	23	Haden MacLn	41	...	8.0	...	6.5
80	43	Hadleigh Inds	45	...	...	3.7	...

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9½	2½	Reece	2½	...	...	...	8.7
169	106	Relyon	134	...	4.9	4.9	17.4
313	248	Renishaw	297	...	6.5	2.9	22.7
68	44	Renold	57	...	1.0	2.3	...
1438	982	Reuters	1409	-12	17.0	1.6	25.3
37	22½	Rexmore	25½	+½	1.7	9.2	6.3
101	58	Ricardo Intl	100	...	5.7	7.6	25.7
81	50	Richard (Leis)	58	...	4.4	10.1	5.8
69	47	Richardson West	67	...	2.9	5.8	10.1
130	97	Ropner	109	...	8.2	10.1	7.8
122	95	-do- 'A'	100	+1	8.2	11.0	7.2
47½	22	Ross Gp	29	+1	0.4	2.1	15.9
400	258	Rotork	399	...	10.0	3.3	18.4
132	85	Rubicon	123	+23	...	...	...
100	57	Russell (A)	64	+1	2.1	4.5	33.8
20	14	SEP Indl	19	...	...	4.9	...
1200	612½	SKF 'B'	700	...	...	5.6	...
14	3	Sale Tilney	4½	...	...	...	...
272	107	Sanderson Elec	251	-12	9.0	4.8	10.7
56	32	Savage	40	...	...	0.8	52.7
41	29	Saville Grdn (J)	41	...	2.2	7.2	17.1
231	158	Scapa	231	+1	5.3	3.1	16.8
345	188	Schroll	220	+10	6.0	3.6	15.8
17	2½	Scot Heritable	4	...	...	...	...
945	648	Securicor	945	...	2.3	0.3	43.4
652	469	-do- 'A'	634	+1	2.3	0.5	29.1
535	367	Security Serv	535	+1	4.4	1.1	34.8
88	58½	Senior Eng	86	+½	3.1	4.9	14.2
330	253½	Seton Health	330	...	...	2.1	20.5
72	48	Sheldon Jones	48	...	...	...	...
146	83	Sidlaw	97	+2	2.7	3.8	26.3
393	223	Sidlaw	333	+5	10.0	4.0	15.5
454	257½	Siebe	454	+6	...	2.7	19.0
248	188	Silentnight	226	+1	8.0	4.7	12.5
121	68	Sime Darby	110	...	...	4.0	13.5
304	69	Simon Eng	125	+14	15.7	16.7	16.5
290	196	Sinclair (Wm)	237	...	7.0	3.9	15.3
53	27	Six Hundred	47	+1	2.5	7.1	...
171	127	Smith & Neph	160	-2	4.4	3.7	20.1
566	396½	Smithkline	458½	-2½	7.7	2.2	19.0
503	353	Smithkline Uts	409	-2	...	2.4	16.6
393	255	Smiths Ind	393	+12	11.2	3.8	16.0
121	76	Sohn Bus	112	+3	2.9	3.5	10.1
550	285	Spandex	267	...	...	3.0	13.5
370	230	Spear (JW)	310	...	10.0	4.3	9.6
325	231	Spirax-Sarco	324	-5	9.0	3.7	19.4
181	83½	Spring Ram	125	+1	0.2	0.3	16.5
48	21	Star Comp	47	...	...	...	27.0
270	158	Staveley	267	-22	8.2	4.1	15.2
131	102	Sterling Ind	130	...	5.6	5.7	16.3
14½	9	Stonehill	11	...	...	...	...
145	73	Suter	104	+2	8.8	11.3	9.3
319	160	Swire Pacfc 'A'	244	-6	...	3.1	17.9
10	5	Sycamore	7	-½	...	...	...
300	232	Sylone	250	...	9.4	5.0	11.5
177	98	T & N	176	+2	10.8	8.2	33.3
372	251	TI	318	-5	10.2	4.3	17.1
23	10	TLS Range	16	...	...	4.2	...
240½	167	TT Group	240½	+3½	...	3.3	15.6
230	170	Takare	230	+3	1.5	0.9	22.8
712	405	Takeda Chem	712	+77	...	0.6	18.9
44½	19	Tex Hldgs	26	...	...	...	...
74	53	Tinsley (E)	74	...	...	9.4	8.6
170	85	Titmo	152	+2	...	3.3	...
289	195	Tomkins	259	-3½	...	3.3	18.3
165	39	Trafalgar H	89½	+5	6.0	8.9	6.0
161	36	-do- 'A'	87	+5	...	...	...
514½	286½	Transfer Tech	372	+2	...	4.7	10.3
175	133	Triplex Lloyd	174	-1	7.0	5.4	15.3
245	165	UniChem	244	-1	5.0	2.7	18.1
320	250	Unidare	290	...	...	7.5	10.2
24	8½	Unigroup	13	...	...	...	...
1129	866	Unilever	1086	-6	18.9	2.3	16.7
7100	5375	Unilever (NV)	6750	-150	...	3.1	11.0
548	265	VSEL	518	-2	25.0	6.4	6.0
15	2½	Verson	7	...	...	...	...
188	60	Vickers	121	+1	6.0	...	27.4
409	260	Victaulic	347	+12	...	2.8	16.5
289	231	Vinten	289	+2	6.6	3.0	15.5
449	240	Vosper Thorny	449	-11	13.1	3.9	10.8
70	38½	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.9	9.7	7.1
468	340	Wagon Ind	456	-7	...	5.0	17.7
78	45	Walker Greenbk	76	...	3.1	5.4	18.1
217	110	Wassall	209	+2	...	1.6	40.1
34	15	Watford Wdgwd	24	-1	...	...	...
630	435	Weir	630	+13	10.5	2.2	18.3
1174	777	Wellcome	944	-21	13.0	1.8	26.1
39	23½	Wellman	23½	...	2.2	...	8.8
480	390	Whatman	480	+10	8.7	2.4	17.3
339	207	Whessoe	277	+2	6.0	3.9	10.4
34	5	Wheway	7½	...	1.0	17.8	...
143	15	Whitecroft	31	+3	4.0	...	4.1
12	3	Widney	5½	...	...	...	...
197	57	Wilkes (James)	57	-2	10.0	...	3.1
379	222	Williams Hldg	345	+8	13.3	4.8	17.5
18½	8½	Wilshaw	18½	+½	0.4	2.9	15.3
549	287	Wolseley	545	+4	12.5	3.1	20.8
150	100	Wood (Arthur)	150	...	4.1	3.6	16.2
80	37	Wyko	45	+1	2.8	8.5	20.5
70	38	Young (H)	41	...	3.0	9.8	...

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1775	1025	Alex & Alex	1662½	-6½	...	3.8	...
3812½	2250	Am Gen	3637½	+25	...	3.6	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	39	...	4.4	15.0	17.9
168	83	Bradstock	134	...	5.1	5.2	...

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1108	762	Britannic	1108	+14	29.5	3.5	...
641	402	Com Union	636	+1	23.6	5.0	...
1235	900	Dom & Gen	1225	...	...	2.0	20.2
31	18	FAI	19	...	...	...	...
605	356	Gen Accident	576	+4	26.7	6.2	...
188	108	GRE	170	+3	7.0	...	...
477	212	Heath C E	351	-1	16.0	6.1	20.6
186	104	Hogg Gp	172	+1	8.1	6.3	10.5
208	102	JIB Group	178	-3	...	5.6	13.1
438	287	Legal & Gen	437	+4	18.8	5.7	...
827	557	Liberty Life	827	+46	...	5.3	20.1
447	295	Lloyds Abbey	435	+5	17.3	5.3	14.5
261	160	Lloyd Thomp	259	+1	5.6	2.9	19.1
296	203	Londn & Man	285	...	13.5	6.1	22.7
394	224	Lowndes Lmb	323	+2	12.6	5.2	12.8
6187½	3931½	Marsh McLn	5843½	+81½	...	2.9	...
154	94	Oriel	95	...	...	7.0	7.0
81	30	PWS	55	...	3.0	9.7	11.2
309	199	Prudential	296	-1	11.0	5.0	25.7
810	564	Refuge	810	+5	28.0	4.8	36.3
294	118	Royal	291	+7	11.2	...	...
240	100	Sedgwick	175	-5	6.0	4.6	18.8
321	162	Steel Burrill	223	+4	13.2	7.9	14.1
232	53	Sturge Hldgs	86	-1	8.2	13.8	...
368	214	Sun Alliance	353	+5	14.2	5.4	...
59	20	Trade Indemnity	55	...	...	...	...
245	165	Transatlantic	244	...	...	6.6	17.1
505	305	Utd Friendly	499	...	12.3	3.3	25.3
274	144	Willis Corroon	199	-2½	13.2	8.8	22.3
21	14	Windsor	16	...	...	...	58.8

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1578	1218	Alliance	1565	...	43.0	3.7	36.1
234	152	Amer Trust	231½	...	4.8	2.8	49.0
316	229	Ang & O'seas	310	-1	6.4	2.8	46.4
126	98½	BZW Conv	126	+1	7.8	8.3	14.7
138	104	Bankers	136	-½	3.4	3.4	...
268	210	Baring Tribune	267	...	6.2	3.1	42.9
172	116	Berry Starq	131	...	2.0	2.0	44.3
100	71½	Br Assets	98½	...	4.1	5.7	34.2
59	46½	Br Empire Sec	57½	...	0.8	2.1	58.4
17	8½	-do- Wnts	14	...	...	...	...
159½	123	Br Inv	157	...	4.5	3.8	39.4
1540	1200	City & Comm	1525	-5	...	...	...
166	125	Contl Asset	131	-1	1.2	1.3	66.4
230	165	Derby Inc	191	...	18.4	...	10.4
200	140	-do- Cap	198	...	...	...	...
99	65	Drayton Asia	94	...	0.7	1.0	...
96	59	-do- Blue Chip	64	...	8.4	18.3	6.9
55	26	-do- Eng Intl	30	...	1.2	4.1	57.2
90	61	-do- Far East	87	...	0.6	1.0	...
110	56	-do- Korea	100	+3	...	...	...
602	473	Dunedin Inc G	590	-1	25.4	5.7	23.0
522	407	-do- Wrlde.	518	-1½	9.5	2.4	53.4
278	203	Dundee & Lon	231	+3	12.0	0.9	21.3
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	48	...	4.8	13.5	8.6
52	40½	-do- Div Pf	52	...	...	...	...
262	199	Edinburgh	254	-2½	8.0	4.2	31.0
149	107	Electric Gen	145	-1	3.1	2.9	46.1
85	65	English Scot	80	...	...	...	...
224	186	European Asset	207	-3	...	3.4	28.4
104	68	Fleming 'A'	86	+2	3.0	4.7	27.7
262	162	Fleming Amer	255	-½	1.2	0.7	...
385	302	-do- Claver	383	...	10.5	3.7	37.8
230	173	Do Conti	214	-½	2.8	1.7	...
160	119	-do- Entp	150	+1½	4.5	4.0	33.7
222	157	-do- P East	214	...	1.5	0.9	...
271	198	-do- Fledg	253	+3	3.0	1.6	...
110	81	-do- Hi Inc	110	+½	5.8	7.0	18.7
164	100	-do- Japan	138	...	0.3	0.3	...
260	193½	-do- Merc	254	-2½	6.7	3.5	36.3
234	165½	-do- Oseas	216	-1	4.0	2.5	51.6
212	150	Foreign & Col	209½	...	...	2.2	60.7
175	144	-do- Eurotst	164	-1	1.2	1.0	...
100	71	-do- German	98	-2	0.4	0.6	...
194	134	-do- Pacific	193	...	1.7	1.2	...
117½	79	-do- Smaller	117	-½	...	2.1	59.4
205	121	GT Japan	140	...	...	1.0	...
109	49	Genl Cons Cap	72	+2	...	...	...
123	96	-do- Inc	113	...	...	11.1	10.5
138	63	Covett Am Smir	125	...	...	...	...
188	128	-do- Oriental	187½	+1½	0.9	0.6	...
218	150	-do- Strategy	214	-4½	6.7	4.2	29.5
347	265	Greenfriar	346	...	6.1	2.4	...
28	½	Gresham House	10	+3	...	...	...
52	31	Independent Inv	49½	+½	0.5	1.3	78.4
129	95	Inv Cap	128	...	5.1	5.3	25.7
95	67	IBS UK Smllr	71	-½	2.0	3.5	19.0
161	128	Kleinwort Chtr	159	+½	5.0	4.3	...
184	134½	-do- O'seas	178½	-½	3.2	2.4	53.8
121	85	-do- Smlr	110	...	...	4.8	21.7
553	433	Law Debenture	549	...	...	4.3	28.8
166	133½	Majedie	165	...	...	3.8	31.9
233	176	Merchants	228	-1	...	6.2	21.0
4062½	2437½	Merrill Lynch	3787½	+87½	...	...	...
394	296	Monks Inv Tst	391	...	6.7	2.3	52.6
109	81	Morg Gren Inc	107	...	...	5.7	...
24	13	Do Warrants	24	...	...	...	...

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
46	33	Murray Euro	39	-1	0.4	1.6	...
10	4½	Do Wts	5	...	...	...	...
292	223	Murray Incme	286	-1	...	5.0	27.2
279	215	-do- Intl	269	-1	...	5.7	23.8
260	213	-do- Small	266	+2	4.0	2.0	57.6
109	89	-do- S/C Inc	98	...	...	14.4	...
86	54	-do- S/C Cap	75	...	...	...	...
2750	2280	-do- S/C Uts	2750	...	...	5.1	...
146	113½	-do- S/C DP	144½	...	...	...	...
254	189	-do- Vent	239	...	10.3	5.7	18.9
63	44½	New Frontier	57	-½	0.2	0.6	77.8
103	61	Nthmpg Inc	69	...	8.7	15.0	9.7
259	187	O'seas Inv Tst	254	...	2.8	1.5	72.5
303	173	Pacific Assets	289	...	1.0	0.5	...
200	80	Do Warrants	180	...	...	...	...
92	57	Personal Assets	79	-1½	1.6	2.7	47.2
114	82	RIT Cap Ptnr	104	-1	1.1	1.5	47.1
118	96	River & Merc	118	...	...	10.4	...
352	273	Robeco	351	...	...	3.7	...
350	268	Rolinco	350	...	...	2.3	...
234	194	St Andrew Inv	220	...	7.5	4.6	30.9
136	108	Scot American	134½	...	...	4.3	30.9
813	429	Scott Asian	681	...	...	...	...
87	49	-do- Eastern	66	...	1.4	2.9	46.6
188	147	Scottish	185½	+1	4.6	3.3	...
194½	135	-do- Mtge	162½	-½	3.9	2.8	45.0
77½	48	-do- Value	71	...	...	3.4	52.2
1433	1066	Second Allnce	1410	-3	36.5	3.5	37.9
77½	61	Secs Tst of Scot	76	-½	3.2	5.7	25.4
114	78½	Selective Asset	114	+2	0.8	1.0	...
20	9½	Sphere Inv	14	...	...	29.5	4.0
116	76	TR Far East	115	...	4.5	5.2	25.2
131½	97½	TR City Of Lon	130½	-½	4.7	4.9	27.1
114	70	TR Pacific	111	-1	...	0.3	...
22	14½	TR Property	17½	+½	1.4	...	52.2
48	18	TR Tech Inv	48	...	1.7	4.9	23.8
152	96	TR Smlr Cos	146	...	3.7	3.4	42.8
296	226	Temple Bar	291	-1	...	6.0	20.4
73	51	Thrmtn Asian E	70	...	0.5	1.0	...
63	39	Throgmorton	57½	-½	2.3	5.3	22.4
388	268	Thmg Dual Cp	390	...	...	...	...
161	127	USDC Invest	181	...	4.2	3.1	34.6
77½	58½	Value Inc Tst	77	...	...	6.2	30.3
627	483	Whitbread Inv	594	...	15.0	3.4	39.4
186	139	Witan	183½	-1	...	4.0	32.4

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10½	2	Airbreak Leis	3½	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	291	-11	7.2	3.3	...
90	18	Ald Leis	46	+2	4.7	13.8	10.0
243	145	Anglia TV	204	+3	...	5.2	18.4
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	197	...	10.0	6.8	9.8
1090	795	Boosey Hwks	970	+20	31.0	2.7	15.6
113	70	Border TV	102	...	...	3.6	13.2
15½	4	Brent Walker	4½	...	...	...	...
15	2½	Buckingham Int	4½	...	2.1	...	1.1
448	200	Campari	278	-7	...	5.3	7.6
226	136	Capital Radio	180	...	5.2	3.9	21.0
795	468	Carlton Comm	795	+6	...	2.9	22.9
223	120	Castle Comms	168	+3	...	6.7	18.9
1660	1050	Central TV	1658	+25	30.5	2.5	21.3
88	49	Chrysalis	76	...	...	...	...
544	405	Compass Gp	544	+1	12.3	3.1	15.2
350	273	Eurocamp	350	...	...	3.2	19.2
1693	673	Euro Disney	713	-12	...	1.7	...
10	1	Euro Leisure	3½	+½	...	...	6.8
36	11	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	...
10½	1	Expedier	1½	...	...	...	...
448	110	Fairline Boats	259	+3	10.5	5.6	...
355	239	First Leisure	330	-15	5.7	2.3	22.4
329	250	GWR Gp	298	...	...	3.2	...
170	91	Grampian	153	+2	5.5	4.8	10.8
8	5	Greenwich Comm	5½	...	...	...	...
92	13	HTV Group	20	+1	3.7	...	...
208	30	Hi-Tec Sports	30	...	5.5	...	1.9
18½	2½	Kunick	5½	...	1.4	...	12.1
297	220	LWT CP	252	-12	...	2.5	13.7
339	260	Man Utd	339	...	18.0	7.1	11.7
123	44½	Owners Abrd	122	+2	3.5	3.9	...
34½	19	The Pelican Gp	34½	...	...	3.9	11.9
64	50	Prism Leisure	55	...	...	6.9	7.0
61	19	Quadrant Grp	20	...	4.0	...	3.0
319	274	Radio Clyde	314	+5	...	3.6	...
177	125	Ramsdens (H)	145	+2	...	4.1	21.4
441	202½	Scot TV	440	+5	...	2.4	28.3
66	40	Southern Radio	50	...	0.7	2.1	20.8
191	125	Stanley Leisure	176	...	...	3.2	14.5
13	4	Smileigh	5½	...	...	...	...
195	135	Sunset & Vine	140	...	3.5	3.3	15.1
53	27	TSW	28	...	...	22.7	3.7
93	22	TV-am	32	...	...	...	1.0
32½	3½	TVS	5	...	...	...	2.6
200	134	Thames TV	159	...	7.5	6.3	4.5
118	75	Tottenhm Hot	86	+1	...	...	4.2
75	38	Trans World	53	+1	...	...	...
10	2	Trillion	3	...	...	...	...
277	154	Ulster TV	277	+2	7.5	3.6	19.2
50	16	Wembley	19½	+1½	1.8	...	...
18½	4½	Whitegate	10	+2	...	20.0	3.4
191½	110	Yorkshire TV	115	...	12.0	13.9	4.1
136	80	Zenith Gp	84	...	8.0	12.7	8.4

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1800	Am Gold	1975	+75	...	11.3	8.8
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1025	...	...	10.0	4.4
2275	1012½	Ang Am	1162½	...	...	6.6	7.2
13½	7½	Anglo Pac Res	9	+½	...	...	...
110	33	Blyvoors	39	+1	...	17.9	1.9
25	11	Bracken	21	-3	...	...	1.1
560	208	Buffels	251	+16	...	16.6	5.9
4½	1½	Bume	1½	+½	...	...	...
631	437	CRA	569	-5	...	3.1	...
38	9	Chiff Res	17½	-½	1.0	7.6	26.1
1062½	581½	De Beers	825	+15½	...	...	6.7
125	38	Deelkraal	38	...	...	17.7	1.9
46	8½	Doornfontein	10	...	...	...	...
759	388	Driefontein	401	+7	...	9.3	6.6
375	120	Durban	122	...	...	...	...
121	39	E Rand Gold	47	...	...	25.0	1.3
154	69	E Dagga	71	...	...	...	5.2
168	57	E Rand Prop	57	...	...	...	...
470	120	Elandsrand	136	+2	...	5.8	4.2
535	272	FS Cons	308	+8	...	17.7	3.0
33	7	FS Dev	9	...	...	...	...
1491	606	GFSA	806	+6	...	5.6	11.4
5	4½	Geevor Tin	4½	...	...	...	...
222	121	Gencor	131	+1	...	7.5	10.2
42½	29½	GM Kalgoorli	37½	+1	...	3.7	9.2
11	2	Greenwich R 'A'	5½	...	...	...	...
89	44	Grootvlei	51	+2	...	...	2.1
368	81	Harmony	81	...	...	...	...
281½	89	Hartles	94	+3	...	...	3.2
10	5	Imco	10	...	...	...	...
820	486	Impala Plat	520	...	...	7.4	10.5
8	2½	Kenmare Res	7½	...	...	...	...
795	292	Kinross	332	-9	...	17.2	3.2
624	293	Kloof	332	+7	...	6.0	5.1
60	21½	Leslie	25	...	...	19.4	2.2
71	12	Loraine	13	...	...	...	...
128	40½	MIM	106½	...	...	2.1	48.7
864	559	Minorco	843	+9	...	4.1	10.8
111	60	Nth Brkn Hill	95½	+1	...	5.2	...
1201	596	Orange Free	649	+6	...	22.1	5.0
688	469	RTZ	680	-2	19.5	3.8	20.5
1287½	375	Rand Mines	425	...	...	15.3	1.8
250	75	Rand Min Prp	85	...	...	22.0	3.7
334	136	Randfontein	158	...	...	12.3	2.1
231	106	Renison	121	+6	...	3.7	11.8
1312½	812½	Rustnbrg	950	...	...	5.4	13.2
410	183	St Helena	199	+4	...	22.1	2.7
1287½	475	Southvaal	500	+25	...	11.4	8.6
60	17½	Stilfontein	19	+½	...	...	...
183	43	Unisel	58	...	...	5.8	5.1
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	1875	-75	...	13.6	3.0
324	154	Welkom	162	+8	...	22.9	4.4
99½	26½	Western Areas	30	+1	...	...	...
2375	587½	Western Deep	625	+25	...	...	3.0
225	164	Wstrn Mining	186	+4	...	2.7	...
630	255	Winkels	341	+16	...	3.3	2.5
66	16	Zambia Copper	63	...	...	...	...
45	19	Zandpan	19	...	...	...	5.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
125	90	Airflow Stream	103	...	0.1	0.1	15.5
123	56	Appleyard	95	+10	7.8	10.9	70.1
210	130	Blachley Mtr	210	...	8.2	7.3	11.8
145	115	Bosman	125	...	6.0	6.4	34.0
379	100	Br Aerospace	194	+6	25.0	...	4.1
378	303	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.7	43.7
139	95	Central Mtrs	108	-7	...	4.9	14.5
48	15½	Cook (DC)	24	+1	...	2.8	...
179	99	Cowie (T)	171	-3	4.8	3.8	12.9
133	75	Dag Motors	99	+1	5.7	7.7	11.7
128	86	Davapti Vern	114	+3	4.0	4.7	13.4
231	130	ERF	197	+7	4.0	...	...
240	163	FR Group	240	+1	6.6	3.7	11.5
2900	1500	Ford Motor	2687½	+25	...	...	...
2556½	1681½	General Mtr	2193½	+50	...	2.3	...
96	43	Henlys	96	+9	3.0	4.2	...
735	465	Honda Motor	674	-3	...	0.8	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	18	...	...	...	...
95	49	Jessups	71	...	4.5	8.5	...
225	68	Kwik-Fit	135	...	3.3	3.3	13.4
294	175	Lex Service	290	-2	10.0	4.6	...
128	74	Lookers	115	+7	6.2	7.2	...
153	77	Lucas	142	+3	7.0	6.6	...
258	169	Pendragon	248	...	6.0	3.2	22.2
173	103	Perry Gp	115	+2	9.0	10.4	20.6
130	56	Quicks Group	120	...	3.0	3.3	22.1
176	86	Rolls-Royce	118	+7	7.3	8.2	22.3
160	99	Vardy (Reg)	125	-8	4.0	4.3	19.1
129	93	Westland	129	+1	4.2	4.4	11.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
106	73	Adscene	103	...	4.0	5.2	15.4
390	315	Black (A&C)	330	...	13.0	5.3	19.7
578	398	Blenheim Gp	515	+11	9.0	2.3	19.3
330	248	Bristol	298	+10	11.5	5.1	22.1
8300	5900	Daily Mail	8300	+75	130	2.1	...
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	8300	+100	130	2.1	...
291	193	Dorling Kind	290	+4	...	1.4	27.7
365	224½	EMAP	354	-8	...	2.8	23.0
923	533	Euromoney Pb	923	+35	29.5	4.3	...
233	155	Haynes Pub	233	...	6.0	3.4	9.8
235	140	Headline	234	...	10.0	5.7	26.0
183	105	Home Counts	119	-1	8.2	9.2	22.5
6½	2	Intl Bus Comm	3½	...	...	...	...
14½	6½	Int Cm & Data	6½	...	...	...	...
403	286	Independent	403	+3	...	5.0	13.7
419	289	Johnstne Press	419	+7	5.5	1.8	19.8
250	166	Metal Bulletn	250	+1	7.4	3.9	20.2
125	49	Mirror Gp	97	+4	...	...	9.2
1371	509½	News Corp	1207	-27	...	0.4	...
726	258	News Intl	682	-4	3.9	0.8	11.8
459½	297	Pearson	370	-20	...	4.2	17.4
567	340	Portsmth Sund	562	...	9.6	2.0	14.6
655	447	Reed Intl	638	...	16.0	3.3	21.1
110	61	Southnews	110	...	...	1.8	32.4
97	29	Sterling Pub	97	+2	...	3.5	31.8
348	274	Telegraph	347	+1	...	3.8	13.7
815	565	Thomson Corp	735	...	25.2	4.6	12.5
347	222	Trinity Intl	346	...	...	3.2	20.4
62	29	Unit Group	37	...	...	...	...
537	323	Utd Nwspaprs	526	-7	21.0	5.3	18.0

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	6	Aberdeen Pete	8½	...	...	...	8.7
19½	11½	Aran Energy	19	...	...	...	...
68	23	Arcon Intl	46	+1	...	...	...
44	27	Aus Oil & Gas	41½	-2	...	...	...
290	20	Aviva Pet	30	+2½	...	...	...
48	8	Beverley	9½	...	0.6	...	...
6½	1½	Blystad	5½	...	...	...	...
195	105	Br Borneo	152	+5	7.1	6.2	16.8
295	225	British Gas	294	...	...	6.1	13.6
304	192	Br Petroleum	236	-2	...	5.9	47.2
4½	1	Bula Resources	1	...	...	...	...
741	460	Burmah Castrl	710	-22	24.0	4.5	16.2
75	21	Cairn Energy	35	...	...	...	...
246	164	Calor Gp	235	+1	12.0	6.8	15.4
16	6½	Calpan Oil	6½	...	...	...	...
80	20	Clyde Pet	40	-1	1.2	...	75.9
25	6	Crossroads Oil	9	...	...	...	...
16½	11½	Edin Oil & Gas	11½	...	...	...	...
467	297	Enterprise	439	...	15.7	4.8	31.3
103	25	Exp Co Louis	71	+3	...	...	...
28½	14½	Fairhaven Intl	20½	-½	...	1.2	8.2
69	34	Goal Pet	48	...	1.2	3.5	9.1
31	5	Gt Western Res	20	-5	...	...	...
146	77	Hardy O & G	117	...	1.0	1.1	36.7
19	7½	Kelt Energy	19	...	...	...	...
283	112	LASMO	165	...	8.5	6.9	21.3
163	75	-do- Units	78	...	15.0	25.6	...
51	11	Mid Scot Res	18½	+½	...	...	...
40½	27	Monument	17½	...	...	...	38.8
15	5	New London	9	...	...	...	...
39½	17	Nth Sea Assets	31	...	0.7	4.5	5.5
37	25	Oil Search	31	-1	...	...	...
14	8	Petroz	13½	...	...	...	...
102	57	Pict Pet	100	...	...	...	13.9
31	10	Premier	22	...	...	...	9.8
198	40	Presidio	75	+25	...	8.4	...
430	333	Ranger	343	-15	...	1.4	...

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High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5637½	4162½	Royal Dtch Fl	5300	+9½	...	5.8	14.5
4312½	3025	Schlumberger	3650	-112½	...	2.1	...
59	41	Seafield	45	...	...	...	...
563	435	Shell	550½	+1½	20.0	5.1	22.2
206	110	Sunrise Eng Sv	196	...	...	...	...
19	8½	Teredo	9½	...	...	...	...
82	26	Triton Europe	36	...	...	...	4.1
172	131	Woodside	150	+1	...	2.4	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
253	100	API	253	...	7.5	4.0	...
290	123½	Arjo Wiggins	155	-1	8.5	...	12.8
413	365	Abbott Mead	413	+1	8.4	2.7	20.7
3	½	Arcsis Group	1	...	...	...	...
128	15	Aegis Gp	22	...	...	...	7.4
180	105	Aspen Comms	160	+3	...	3.6	24.7
11	7	BBB Design	7	...	...	...	...
299	180	Bemrose	298	-15	11.7	5.2	15.2
60	23	Birkdale	33	+2	0.2	0.6	27.9
125	80	Bunzl	125	+2	4.0	4.3	29.2
267	147	CIA Gp	267	...	...	1.9	17.7
51	36	City of Lon	50	...	...	9.1	10.5
40	1½	Clarke Hooper	1½	...	...	...	...
206	135	Cropper (James)	171	+2	3.0	2.1	19.6
41	6	Crown Comm	6	...	...	...	...
60	30	Delyn Pckaging	54	...	1.4	3.6	10.7
149	79	Dolphin Pack	97	+2	4.5	6.2	12.9
74½	42	Dudley Jenkins	43	...	...	12.4	10.9
15	9½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11.6
68	38	Fairway Group	48	+1	...	8.8	12.7
296	211	Ferguson Ind	285	...	12.5	5.8	16.4
77	25	Filofax	76	...	...	0.7	19.5
48	6	Firth	20	...	...	...	2.2
71	47	Gibbon Lyons	71	...	...	9.4	17.6
265	194	Gold Greenless	265	...	8.3	4.2	20.3
53	32	Goodhead	40	...	0.5	1.7	26.6
160	32½	Huntersprint	43	...	...	...	...
50	13	Lopex	25	...	...	...	10.4
263	133	More O'Ferrall	195	+5	13.2	9.0	12.1
59	27	NMC Group	57	+1	1.2	...	11.2
117	40	Olive Hldgs	40	...	9.0	...	6.1
86	58	Osborne & Little	69	...	4.3	8.4	6.6
189	132	Quarto	162	...	5.2	5.1	9.6
343	231	St Ives Gp	343	+1	6.2	2.0	23.4
248	115	Saatchi	168	-4	...	...	...
754	438	Sappi	450	+12	...	8.7	8.5
14½	1½	Serif	12½	...	...	...	...
43	3	Shandwick	15½	-1	...	...	12.6
351	238	Smith David	312	+18	9.5	4.1	17.9
335	210	Smurfit Jeff	271	-6	...	0.6	9.0
263	171	Sta-Plus	197	+7	7.1	3.9	14.1
16½	10½	Taylor Nelson	16½	...	...	1.2	14.2
185	76	Usher Walker	161	...	6.0	5.0	10.3
65	37	VTR	36	...	...	11.9	16.6
115	31	WPP	54	...	...	...	...
195	48	Wace	77	...	6.2	14.3	5.5
221	158	Waddington (J)	221	-2	7.0	4.3	16.7
565	391	Warmough	554	...	10.5	2.5	24.1
4	½	Waverley Cam	½	...	...	...	...
5	1½	Westpnnt	4½	...	...	...	16.1
39	12	Whitney Mck	12	...	...	...	...
75	51	Wood (SW)	57	...	0.2	0.6	...

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Abaca Groups	1½	...	...	...	...
96	25	Allied Lon	41	-1	3.5	11.5	15.4
70	55	Arcadian	59	...	...	...	...
73	34	Asda	65	+2	2.0	4.1	23.2
141	64	Avonside	97	+½	...	8.0	7.8
2450	1887½	BCE	2150	-37½	...	...	...
478	268	Bilton	412	-12	18.0	5.9	11.9
45	23	Bourne End	24	...	1.0	5.6	...
160	108	Bradford	155	+2	4.4	3.8	14.1
36	11	Bredero	20	...	...	...	1.9
275	110	Br Land	189	+2	6.3	4.5	17.4
188	118	Brixton	164	...	8.1	6.6	12.5
55	44	Burford	45	...	0.9	2.8	23.5
125	88	Cap & Regnl	108	+2	1.2	...	...
300	75	Cardiff Prop	120	...	2.4	2.7	54.6
433	103	Chesterfield	239	-1	18.5	...	10.2
80	9	City Site Ests	21	+2	1.4	...	...
40	8	Clarke Nickolls	12	...	0.3	...	3.9
32	8	Clayform	13	...	...	...	...
880	785	Daejan	823	...	25.0	4.1	12.9
4	½	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
76	30	Debenham Twsn	59	+2	2.5	5.6	22.5
10	1	De Morgan	1	...	...	...	...
135	78	Dencora	78	...	5.5	9.4	...
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	268	...	8.6	4.3	31.7
250	170	Estates Agency	170	-20	3.0	2.4	15.6
96	6	Estates Gen	26	...	3.7	...	9.2
142	100	Evans Of Leeds	141	...	4.1	3.9	13.5
31	14	Five Oaks	16	...	...	...	...
55	28	Fletcher King	30	...	1.0	4.5	21.3
328	188	Frogmore	291	-1	15.0	6.9	15.2
125	51	Grainger	100	...	5.2	7.3	...
182	84	Gt Portland	122½	+2½	10.0	10.9	12.2
114	6½	Greycoat	8	...	5.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	102	...	...	5.0	17.1
48	19	Hambro Cntyw	37	+1	0.0	0.2	...
988	180	Hammerson	289	-5	10.0	4.6	10.5
503	165	-do- 'A'	266	-1	10.0	5.0	12.8
150	69	Helical Bar	140	+4	4.0	3.8	...
30	20	Hemingway	20	...	...	...	...
175	124	Herring Baker	130	...	7.0	7.2	...
225	135	Jermyn	143	...	1.5	1.4	...
484	343	Land Sec	443	+5	21.7	6.5	13.4
82	62	Lon Merch Sec	74½	...	3.8	6.6	11.8
7½	1½	Lon & Metro	1½	...	...	...	...
4½	2	Lon Securities	3	...	...	...	...
411	196	MEPC	334	+6	20.0	8.0	14.0
6	3	McInerney A	5½	+½	...	...	...
145	76	McKay Secs	106	...	6.7	6.7	9.9
20	5	Markheath	5½	...	0.5	12.1	...
133	8	Merivale Mre	12½	...	1.0	10.7	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5	...	...	...	...
46	27	Moorfield Est	34	...	...	0.4	...
1075	580	Mountview	835	...	18.0	2.9	6.5
9	2½	Mowat	2½	...	...	...	...
137	101	Mucklow (A&J)	115	...	5.9	6.9	15.0
53	33	New Cavendish	46	...	...	...	24.6
30	3½	Oxsory Est	6½	+½	0.1	3.0	2.0
103	16	Power Corp	16	...	...	18.1	1.6
111	54	Prop Security	94	+2	3.7	5.4	18.4
122½	14½	Property Trust	31	...	...	...	...
4½	½	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
68	1½	Regalian	12	-1	1.5	16.7	2.4
10½	3½	Rosehaugh	7½	...	...	...	...
175	130	Rowlinson Secs	130	-5	1.3	1.4	27.7
24	12	St Modwen Prp	19	...	0.5	3.9	11.4
43	21	Savills	41	+2	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Met	36	...	1.5	5.6	...
62	39	Shaftesbury	39	...	...	...	...
9	2	Shield	5	...	...	...	...
26	11	Sinclair Gldsm	18	...	0.5	3.7	...
248	83	Slough Estates	151	+1	8.1	7.2	8.5
78	36	Southend Prop	57	-1	4.1	9.6	26.7
20½	2½	Speyhawk	15	...	...	...	...
39	9	Stanhope Prps	17½	+½	...	...	...
83	58	Town Centre	79	...	3.1	5.2	15.4
61	35	Trafford Park	43	...	2.5	8.0	11.6
33	7	UK Land	13	-2	...	...	...
7	4	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
217	119	Warner	181	+1	10.0	7.4	17.6
245	185	Warnford	197	...	7.2	5.0	13.5
8	1	Waterglade	8	...	...	...	...
91	23	Wates	36½	+½	3.7	13.6	9.2
44	17	Wood John Dn	43	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic	12	...	...	...	...
99	42	Headlam	92	+1	2.4	3.5	36.4
428	265	Lambert	365	+17	12.5	4.7	9.2
111	63	Pittard Garnar	80	...	1.5	2.5	10.6
41	18	Strong & Fisher	25	...	1.0	5.3	7.0
193	58	Stylo	115	+16	2.5	2.9	...

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	362	Allied Text	418	+8	12.3	3.9	14.9
73	47	Beckman (A)	60	...	4.7	10.6	11.9
52	23	Bolton Gp	26	...	...	...	13.2
162	138	Br Mohair	142	...	8.5	8.0	11.2
93	30	Celestion	93	+1	1.2	1.7	...
41	15	Charnwell	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
335	180½	Claremont Ga	335	+17	...	1.5	23.0
569	364	Courtauld Text	569	+1	13.0	3.0	16.9
241	160	Dawson	240	+1	9.0	5.0	23.4
59	17	Drummond	25	...	1.5	...	7.7
60	17½	Dunkeld	33	-1	...	...	...
68	60	Faupel	68	+2	...	...	9.6	6.7
68	24	Foster (John)	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
142	84	Gaskell	95	...	8.5	...	...
162	99	Hicking Pntcst	161	+1	5.4	3.6	11.7
73	38	Jerome (S)	48	...	1.0	...	...
389	215	Lamont	268	+2	...	6.0	13.1
535	308	Leeds	533	+1	11.0	2.8	17.2
41	15	Lister	30	+8	0.1	0.4	...
120	81	Lyles (S)	120	+2	4.9	5.4	13.6
85	53	Parkland 'A'	69	...	2.0	3.9	...
87	63	Readicut	87	...	3.4	5.3	17.3
71	30	SEET	36	...	...	...	...
91	67	Sirdar	73	+1	5.1	9.4	12.7
49	29	Stirling Gp	49	+2	1.6	4.5	23.4
59	31	Stoddard	51	+1	2.6	6.0	13.6
312	198	Tomkinsons	275	+5	11.5	5.6	...
5½	3	West Trust	3½	...	0.2	9.5	...
270	160	Yorklyde	230	+16	9.7	4.9	12.6

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	985	+7	33.6	4.5	26.0
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	625	-1	10.2	2.2	14.7

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	370	-3	8.1	2.9	79.3
816	531	BAA	758	-18	14.5	2.6	13.4
315	219	Br Airways	289½	-2½	10.1	4.8	7.6
182	45	Clarkson (H)	75	+2	8.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	23	...	...	...	...
488	293	Eurotunnel Uts	350	+15	...	...	...
88	44	Fisher (James)	44	...	5.5	...	12.2
140	70	Graig	136	...	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	IoM Steam	147	...	...	0.8	7.1
39	22	Jacobs (JI)	32	+1	1.9	7.9	19.1
53	42	Lon O'Seas Frts	43	...	1.2	3.9	2.6
1512½	1237½	Manchstr Sh	1300	...	4.5	0.5	5.3
294	160	Mersey Docks	294	+1	6.0	2.7	16.3
290	216	NFC	283	+4	...	3.1	22.2
367	170	Ocean Group	259	+1	14.3	7.4	11.7
65	31	Ocean Wilson	42	...	...	8.4	9.4
555	390½	P & O Dfd	539	+11	30.5	7.5	19.0
158	97	P & O 5 1/2%	131	+1	...	5.6	...
490	267	Powell Duffryn	489	-1	22.6	6.2	19.5
119	96	Seacon	119	+1	...	4.7	8.4
59	23½	TIP Europe	25½	...	1.4	7.3	6.2
87	24	TNT	34½	-1	...	...	...
633	495½	Tibbet & Britn	633	...	...	2.3	25.3
478	214	Tiphook	367	+2	17.3	6.3	7.2
307	208	Transport Dev	280	+5	9.5	4.5	16.8

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
502	308½	Anglian Water	486	-6	19.3	5.3	8.9
591	376	Northumbrian	590	...	20.5	4.6	8.1
513	323	North West	477½	-6½	19.6	5.5	8.4
479	298	Severn Trent	461	-5	19.3	5.6	6.7
485	301	Sthrn Water	472	-1	19.5	5.5	8.3
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1230	+2	40.2	4.4	8.0
524	306	South West	490	-4	21.7	5.9	7.4
518	324	Thames Water	496	-2	19.2	5.2	9.4
546	337	Welsh Water	533	-1	21.4	5.4	6.1
603	366	Wessex Water	602	+7	19.5	4.3	8.3
547	336	Yorkshire W	532	-3	19.5	4.9	6.7

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INFOTECH

Nick Nuttall on a technique that can give the authorities advance notice of blackspots

Braking is a clue to safety

One way of rapidly pinpointing potentially hazardous stretches of road before people are killed or injured has been discovered by British engineers.

They have discovered a link between drivers' braking patterns and potential accident blackspots which they believe could be harnessed in new route guidance computer systems planned for cars.

Previously safe stretches of road can suddenly become dangerous for drivers and pedestrians. Often these hazards only come to the attention of highway authorities after a large number of accidents have happened over a long period.

The new technique, which can use sensors fitted to automatic braking systems to measure the severity and frequency of braking, can swiftly alert transport officials to the fresh hazard before lives and limbs have been lost.

An investigation into what may be causing the potentially hazardous braking patterns can then be carried out and action taken. Some of the braking patterns may be due to quite obvious features, such as a badly designed junction. But the technique also identifies more subtle changes which have turned a once safe stretch into a potential blackspot.

For example, it may be that the staff of a newly opened and busy minicab company are so eager to be on their way that they cause other road users to brake alarmingly.

Peter Bonsall, the researcher at Leeds University behind the work, says: "It could be that a new pedestrian crossing has signs which are not very well sited or that a certain location is near to a pub out of which customers often stagger."

The findings have been made after driving nearly 47,000 miles on stretches of Yorkshire roads.

Nearly 40 researchers, driving cars fitted with instruments that measure decelerations, travelled 3,000 times round a 15½-mile stretch of road. Braking patterns were compared on computer with official accident statistics gathered over 11 years.

The researchers, who have been funded by the Science and Engineering Research Council's environmental civil engineering committee, found that the locations where drivers braked frequently and hard, on average more than 4.4 miles per second per second, matched the accident figures for that spot.

> Sensors are fitted on the automatic braking system

"Some sites seemed to have more decelerations than we expected given the accident data. It turned out afterwards that some remedial work had been done after the accident statistics were last collected. This explained the difference and confirmed we were on to something," Mr Bonsall, who is based in the university's institute of transport studies, says.

Deploying scores of men and specially adapted cars to collect braking patterns for all roads would be costly and time consuming. However, the team's research was launched in anticipation of route guidance computer systems which are being planned for installation in vehicles.

Companies, including GEC, Ford and BT, are hoping to pilot such a system — called Traffic Information and Guidance on European Roads (Tiger) — in the London area in 1994. Up to 200 vehicles could take part in the project, funded under the EC's Drive Programme.

Unlike Autoguide, the system originally planned for London and which needed the installation of special road-side beacons, Tiger will harness the cellular radio telephone network to relay traffic information between a central computer and motor cars.

Rival systems offer drivers the shortest travel route to a destination displaying it on an on-board electronic map. Tiger, on the other hand, will take into account traffic flows and congestion to plot the fastest route.

Robin Mannings, of BT's Martlesham Laboratories, says this will be done by linking the car's electronic map with London's traffic control and Scoot systems — the networks that monitor and adjust traffic lights to speed the flow of vehicles through the capital.

The Tiger system is expected to cost about £10 million to develop. Under the scheme, drivers will be able to beam in information on local incidents as they happen, such as traffic signal failures, to enhance the system further.

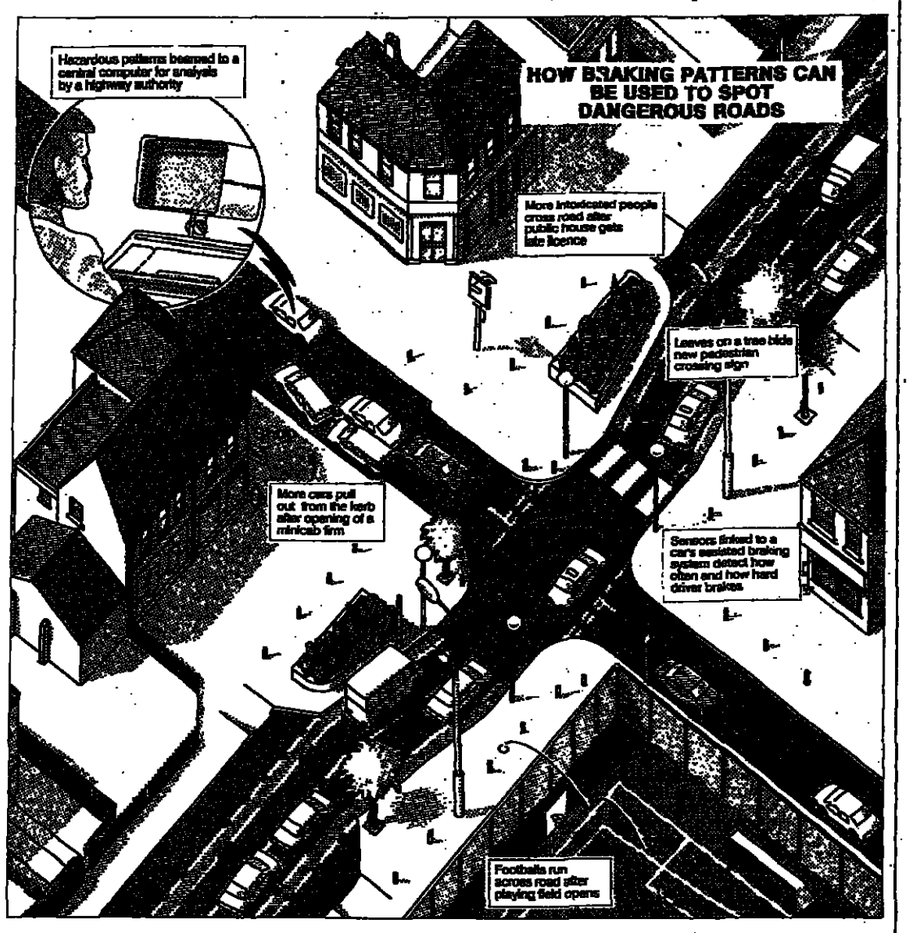
Mr Mannings says that transmitting braking pattern information over the network could be easily done by adding some extra computer software to processors monitoring a vehicle's existing automatic braking system. The information could be used by highways authorities for pinpointing black spots but could also be beamed to drivers approaching an area to warn them of danger.

John Scholfield, of Ford's research and engineering centre in Dunton, near Basildon, agrees but believes question of cost and who will pay need to be answered. He is also concerned that the bewildering amounts of information soon available to drivers may do more harm than good.

Systems under development could beam into cars not just traffic and guidance information but data on the condition of, for example, the state of the vehicle's engine and tyres. Meanwhile audio visual advertisements for hotels, the nearest hamburger take-away and local tourist information could also be beamed to drivers adding to sensory overload.

However, Mr Bonsall believes the arguments in favour of braking pattern data are strong. "The people in charge of these systems could sell the data to the highway authorities or the authorities could approve these systems only if they get this data... our research has established that this would be worth doing," he says.

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Stay on the line: we've got your number

BT is to begin trials on a service which will display a caller's telephone number

BT is to begin trials of a controversial caller identification service this month, just as the largest telephone company in California has decided to cancel plans for a similar service because of state regulations designed to protect people's privacy.

About 500 telephone users in Elgin, Grampian, are to become guinea pigs for BT's service, known as caller display, which provides an electronic peephole enabling customers to see the number of the person calling them.

Each will be given a display unit to attach to their telephone. This will show the telephone number of callers for those calls originating from certain local exchanges that cover a total of 23,000 people.

Well aware that some people may not be too happy about having their phone numbers displayed to anybody they call, particularly those people who are ex-directory, BT says those affected by the three-month trial will have the option to withhold the display of their number. But in doing so the advantages of having such a service are considerably reduced.



BT argues that caller identification restores "the balance of power between the person making a call and the one receiving it". A spokesman says: "Without it, the person receiving the call has only the choice of picking up or leaving the incoming call which could prove to be either unwelcome or unwanted."

In America, where the system is available in about half the states, it has considerably reduced the number of malicious and hoax calls. But privacy concerns have meant that most states are insisting that telephone companies also offer customers a facility to block their numbers from being displayed on caller identification units.

BT has said that its service will include a free facility for customers to withhold their number by pressing extra digits before they dial each call, something known as "per call blocking".

In California, however, state authorities have gone a stage further by insisting that customers with unlisted phone numbers must automatically be offered "line blocking" which enables callers to permanently block the display of their phone numbers on all calls.

Because of this, Pacific Bell, a leading telephone company in California, last month said that it will not offer a proposed caller identification service because such restrictions make it too costly. Pacific Bell had proposed to regulators that it offered the same free per call blocking option that BT is planning. GTE California, the state's other large phone operator, dropped plans for caller ID services last summer because of similar concerns.

Consumer and civil liberty groups in America argue that such restrictions are necessary, with critics pointing to battered women or undercover police officers as people who need to keep their phone numbers secret.

Businesses, too, are finding a use for caller identification. AT & T, for example, sells systems that can link numbers obtained from such services to company databases so that regular customers can be identified and relevant information automatically brought up on a screen before the phone is answered.

United States consumer groups are also concerned that the business use of caller identification is increasing the use and sale of personal data for marketing purposes, with incoming phone calls being matched to widely available mailing lists to obtain a caller's name and address.

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Is the game finally over for Sonic and Mario?

New home computers aim to out-perform Japanese video games

As doctors argue whether computer games are harmful to some children, the computer giant, Commodore, is pinning its hopes on the advanced Amiga home computer to out-perform the Japanese video game giants, Sega and Nintendo.

Parents worried about youngsters playing endless arcade-style games will be relieved to hear that the Commodore A1200 will at least allow their offspring the option of using more educational software rather than a diet of Sonic the Hedgehog or Mario. Both these games, like others produced by Sega and Nintendo, carry warnings but the British Epilepsy Association wants the labels to be more prominent.

It is no secret that high-fashion, high-performance video game consoles have pummelled the once bullish home computer market. Atari's range of ST computers has had its chips and a replacement, the Falcon, will be a slow-burn at best. And if you can find a child that owns an Acorn Archimedes, he or she certainly will not admit it.

The only big player left in the home computer game is Commodore. Unlike the Sega Mega Drive, the Super Nintendo and previous Amiga computers, which employ a 16-bit processor, the A1200 uses a 32-bit processor making it faster and more powerful. It also has a spectacular graphics chipset able to provide a vast section of colours.

> 'We could have sold four times as many'

"We brought 43,000 into the United Kingdom for the Christmas period, but we could have sold three or four times as many," says Andrew Ball, of Commodore.



Spectacular: fast and smooth animation from Zool

The only problem is a price of £400 — considerably more than the Nintendo or Sega games consoles, which cost about £150 — and almost the price of a basic personal computer. However, the capabilities of the A1200 have meant that its professional counterpart, the £2,000 Amiga 4000, has been bought by broadcasters on both sides of the Atlantic. Both the BBC and Channel 4 have have put it to studio use, while in America it is being used to help generate visual effects for such programmes as *Quantum Leap*.

Unfortunately not all existing Amiga software will run on the A1200. The official line is that about 60 per cent of the 3,000-plus Amiga titles in circulation will run on the new machine. In practice, newer software titles are more likely to run successfully than old. The problems arise when authors side-step the legal operating system, cramming data into spaces best left vacant. Topping the "must-have" game charts for the A1200 is Zool, an enhanced £26 version of the best-selling Ninja, from the Nth Dimension karate-kicking arcade romp of Gremlin Graphics. It is faster, more colourful and more smoothly animated than previous Zool outings.

> 'It is not a toy, but a proper computer'

The A1200 is just the tip of an Amiga iceberg comprising 1.4 million machines in Britain. "Games are obviously a major attraction for the Amiga," Mr Ball says, "but buyers take comfort in the fact that they are getting an open environment. An Amiga is not a toy, it's a proper computer at the cutting edge of technology."

Commodore also sells a £350 CD ROM drive for the A500 Amiga and is planning a version for the A1200. Included with every drive sold will be a CD ROM disc containing 640 megabytes of public domain software.

The only remaining dark horse in the computer game field is the humble personal computer. Against the odds, the range and quality of personal computer-based games has improved dramatically in the past 18 months.

Even though IBM and compatible machines have enormous processing power and memory, sound generation and video manipulation skills are minimal. Only with assorted, and expensive, additional sound and graphics cards can they begin to deliver the kind of quality the modern gamer demands. This is why the dominant personal computer-based entertainment software is either adventure or simulation — usually flight — driven.

Salvation may well come in the guise of a bizarre new £1,000 hybrid from Amstrad. Called the Mega PC, it is a combination IBM-compatible PC with built-in Mega Drive games console.

At first glance the machine looks much like any other 386SX computer, with 40 megabyte hard drive and VGA graphics board. But slide a panel over the 3.5in floppy disc slot and you will reveal a standard Mega Drive cartridge port, two joystick connections and a stereo headphone socket.

Quite what sort of impact this unlikely offspring of the video games boom will have remains to be seen, but it is not impossible that this could be the product to bring the personal computer into every home.

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GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** on a show of pictures of London by students and staff of the Royal College of Art

City's artists put on a capital show

Despite grotesque overcrowding in narrow spaces, which demonstrates how desperately the Museum of London needs extra room for its burgeoning collections, the exhibition of Artists' London gradually exerts a fascination. Concentrating on the present century, and limited to students and staff of the Royal College of Art, the survey might have seemed unduly meagre in scope. But the RCA is an exceptional breeding-ground, and London itself has never stopped generating powerful images of metropolitan life since Hogarth first defined the city's pullulating blend of vitality and squalor.

Not that the earliest pictures here more than hint at their subject's mesmerising potential. The Royal College was a stuffy institution in the first two decades of the century, outshone by the extraordinary radicalism of its arch-rival, the Slade. If the latter school had been included here, the dynamism of the machine-age capital would have dominated the first room. But without Lewis, Nevinson, Roberts and Wadsworth, the survey gets off to a oddly muted start. Sylvia Pankhurst's pastel self-portrait, probably drawn in Holloway Gaol around 1906, does not even contain a glimpse of London. Her surroundings are reduced to a dun-coloured shadow, within which the indomitable suffragette keeps her sad yet obstinate head erect beneath a white prison cap.

Most of the early exhibits date from the inter-war years, when William Rothenstein presided over the RCA. His diligent lithograph of Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, typifies the meticulous topographical style favoured by the show's oldest artists. Rothenstein focuses on scaffolding rather than the theatre behind, but he is not tempted to experiment with a crisper, geometrical way of defining the network of rectilinear poles.

The welcome shift of emphasis from becalmed buildings to restless people was pioneered by Frederick Dixon, an RCA student in the mid-1920s. Judging by his exclamatory etchings of Regent Street and Putney Hill, both dominated by scenes of pedestrian-filled animation, Dixon has been unfairly neglected. His most engaging exhibit is a freshly observed view of Lathcart Road in south-west London, where he lived as a student. Seen from above, the dilapidated street is alive with details as diverting as the miniature, rudimentary milk cart, and a woman perched precariously on a slender ladder stretching past her front-room balcony.

Grace Golden, a contemporary of Dixon at the college, is another find. Her etching of the *City Dust Cart* in 1927 depicts with confident economy the agile rubbish collectors deftly manhandling bins, while the horse pulling their vehicle stands by the pavement with steady stoicism. A year later, Golden is even more assured in her crisply handled woodcut of a cinema interior. While the projectionist's almost visionary rush of light throws an image of an enigmatic actress onto the screen, a cloth-capped man sits captivated with a cigarette about to drop from his mouth. A female companion glances questioningly at him, as if jealous of his enthralled response. But the children behind clamber restlessly over their seats, and a Burra-like sailor saunters down the aisle looking for real-life excitement in the audience.

Burra himself is unaccountably missing, even though he spent two years studying at the RCA at the same time as Golden. But Rothenstein's most outstanding pupil, Henry Moore, is memorably represented by one of his superb Tube-shelter drawings.

> 'Hogarth was the first to define London's pullulating blend of vitality and squalor'

Some critics have claimed that these images, mostly executed at the height of the Blitz, are marred by sentimentality. I cannot agree. Moore discovered a wholly new way of seeing London when he scrutinised the bomb-weary sleepers, massed on the Underground platforms like corpses in a catacomb. Their endurance is powerfully conveyed through his sculptural grasp of blanched limbs and heaped, sometimes swollen blankets. But the grimness of their subterranean surroundings is never underplayed, and their death-in-life stillness ominously predicts the extinction many of them will suffer in the months ahead.

Thanks to the official war artists' scheme masterminded by Kenneth Clark, the Blitz brought out the best in many of London's observers. John Piper's work, which can descend into superficiality and staginess, reached a tragic maturity with his elegiac studies of ruined buildings. His painting of Christ Church, Newgate Street, after its devastation in 1940, is a shattered and melancholy affair. The scorched stumps of the nave's pillars rise like prehistoric standing stones from the rubble, and they are jarringly juxtaposed with the remains of Baroque ornamentation over the windows behind. The entire image still smacks of theatrical scenery, but this time Piper deepens the mood with a threnody for the lost architecture he had loved.

Not all the wartime images are charged with potent emotion. Robert Buhler's bombed-site painting is the quintessence of dullness, while Vivian Pitchforth strives too self-consciously to discover picturesque felicities in his *Fallen Lift Shafts in the City*.

But even when the paintings are faulty in execution, the subject of war often proves compelling. Charles Cundall's handling of paint in his exhibit could hardly be more banal. The sight he recorded, though, was almost surreal in its strangeness: a gleaming Stirling Bomber displayed incongruously in a flattened stretch of City wasteland, where crowds cluster among the devastation to inspect this symbol of Britain's resilience.

After the prolonged trauma of battle, London emerged shakily from the ordeal. While still a student in 1953, John Bratby caught the mood of postwar queasiness by painting a large, turbulent panorama of Blackheath. Ragged enough to have been produced by an artist with a terminal hangover, the result has a rough-and-ready conviction sadly lacking in Bratby's later, excruciating output. His Blackheath canvas compares favourably with Ceri Richards's preposterous attempt, in the same year, to laud the metropolis as a resurgent jewel in the new Elizabethan age. Unhealthily reliant on Dufy, Richards views the city from a vantage point high up on the former St George's Hospital at Hyde Park Corner. Conveying little apart from whimsical wish-fulfilment, this is a supremely unpersuasive *Vision of London*.

It looks absurdly overblown when set beside the far grittier images of the city produced by Frank Auerbach and Leon Kossoff. Auerbach's compact, muscular painting of Mornington Crescent reduces the buildings to a sequence of skeletal forms against a violent sky flaring with acid green and bilious puce. Kossoff's contributions are wilder still, especially when he maroons a dusty Willesden school building in a maelstrom of whirling charcoal lines.

After such an apocalyptic outpouring, the show was bound to lapse into bathos. Although Oliver Bevan strives for Auerbach's intensity, he cannot match it in his unconvincing Fauvist view of high-rise housing at the Elephant and Castle. But the exhibition comes to a crisp and invigorating close with Mao Wen Biao's sprightly painting of *The Tube*. Finished only last year, when his student period at the RCA ended, this interior of a rush-hour carriage should be horribly oppressive, but Biao's innate eastern delicacy gives the claustrophobic setting an unforced *brio*. He is beginning a month-long artist-in-residence scheme at the Museum: his open-studio days should be well worth seeking out.

● **Artists' London.** *Museum of London, London Wall, EC2 (071-600 0807) until Jan 31. Mao Wen Biao's studio is open every Thursday, 1-3.30pm*



Elegiac, shattered and melancholy: John Piper's oil study of Christ Church, Newgate Street, after its destruction in 1940

CRITIC'S CHOICE: Exhibitions

● **FRANCIS CARR:** An émigré from Central Europe who arrived in Britain in 1938, Francis Carr brought with him established continental ideas little regarded here at that time about the integration of new art with architecture and the total planned environment. A painter and sculptor himself, he was a trail-blazer in artistic screen-printing during the Forties, and exerted great influence as design consultant to the GLC housing division from 1965 to 1969. This retrospective includes his own art, as well as recording his most important large-scale public commissions in photograph and document.
The Building Centre, 26 Store Street, WC1 (071-637 1022) Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm, until Jan 29.

● **RUSKIN AND TUSCANY:** Ruskin's most famous Italian connection, both as critic and as artist, was with Venice. But his interest in Tuscany, especially in four major cities — Florence, Lucca, Pisa and Siena — was hardly less significant, and a large proportion of the works he gathered together for his Sheffield Museum were connected with it. This show, drawn from the Sheffield archives and other British collections, consists of some 270 items, including drawings by Ruskin himself, work commissioned by him, books, photographs and documents of all kinds illustrating Ruskin's view that the roots of much later European art and architecture lay in Tuscany.
Accademia Italiana, 24 Rutland Gate, SW7 (071-225 3474) Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun 2-5.30pm, until Feb 7. Admission £3, concessions £1.50.

● **MOSAICS FROM JORDAN:** Jordan is particularly well provided with mosaics of the late Roman to early Islamic periods, and while many are still *in situ*, a large number, owing to the circumstances of their discovery, have been removed to local museums. This show consists of 36 such, illustrating the variety, both religious and secular, which have been uncovered since the first was found in 1880. They were all originally designed for flooring, and are made of local stones rather than more precious materials. The subjects include townscapes and city plans, portraits and many delightful scenes with animals and plants.
The Colonnade Gallery, Sotheby's, 1-2 St George Street, W1 (071-493 8080) Mon-Fri 9am-4.30pm, Sun 12noon-4pm, until Jan 22.

● **THE INSTINCTIVE ART OF C.W. BROWN:** One of the most famous of Britain's genuine primitive painters, Charles William Brown (1882-1961) spent all his working life as a coal-miner down the pits, and all his spare time painting. At his death he left more than 1,500 works to Stoke City Museum and Art Gallery.
City Museum and Art Gallery, Bethesda Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent (0782 202173). Mon-Sat 10.30am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until Feb 7.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Clive Davis pays tribute to Dizzy Gillespie, one of the founders of modern jazz, who died on Wednesday

Farewell to a genial jester

If Dizzy Gillespie had never existed, some artful publicist would surely have dreamt him up. Bebop, never the most listener-friendly form of music, sorely needed a central figure who could draw the attention of a wary and sometimes downright scornful audience. "How deaf can you get?" was a typical mainstream press response to some of the early manifestations of what came to be known as modern jazz.

Gillespie fulfilled the combined role of ringmaster and jester to perfection, so much so that we were in danger of forgetting how acute a musician and teacher he actually was. Ask most people what his name means to them, and you will hear all about the ballooning cheeks, the curiously shaped trumpet, the goatee beard and the perpetual smile. By the end of his life he had evolved into one of those lovable grandfather figures, a genial character who was quite at home as a guest star on *The Cosby Show*.

If his music was less well known to the general public — who would probably struggle to name one of his tunes besides "Night in Tunisia" — it is partly due to his less than satisfactory experiences with the record industry. His fellow-trumpeter Miles Davis left behind a dozen or more classic discs, virtually all of them readily available — if you had to select one representative masterpiece, you might well pick *Kind of Blue* or *Porgy and Bess*. With Gillespie the choice is much more difficult. Fragments are scattered on all manner of albums — some for major labels, many for small independents — which have flitted in and out of print.

The early Sixties orchestral date with Lalo Schifrin, *Gillespiana*, a particular favourite inspired by Davis's work with Gil Evans, is one of many albums that have slipped through the net. Anyone who wants to hear the very best of Gillespie now has to sift through compilations such as *The Bebop Revolution* (Bluebird ND82177) or *Dizzy's Diamonds: The Best of the Verve Years* (Verve 513875).

Not the least of Gillespie's achievements was his ability simply to survive in a hostile environment. The pressures of making what was in a sense an underground music in the Forties took a ferocious toll of the practitioners, either through drugs or alcohol. Gillespie kept going, while his partner in crime Charlie Parker was dead by the age of 34 (reportedly with the body of a man twice his age, according to the doctors).

There was, too, his capacity for self-improvement. Musicians who worked with him during his apprentice years in big band recall that his sound was undernourished and erratic. Through hard work he created a high-velocity technique which compensated for any deficiencies in tone. His role in helping to mould bebop has often been underestimated as well, as if to suggest that he was no more than Parker's more photogenic sidekick.

"Bird was responsible for the actual playing of it, more than anyone else," the singer and bandleader Billy Eckstine later explained in an interview with the journalist Max Jones. "But for putting it down, Dizzy was responsible. And that's a point a whole lot of people miss."

Gillespie's place in history is assured, thanks to all those extraordinary sessions in the dead of night in the clubs on New York's 52nd Street. The outraged response from guardians of the nation's morals soon died away, and bebop became the standard language for a generation of improvisers.

Yet there is still a minority view that bebop actually came close to killing jazz altogether, reducing it from a popular form of entertainment to an obscure coterie pastime. According to this school of thought, the modernists robbed the art of its flair, substituting technical flourishes for emotion, and reducing the range and instrumentation of performances. Seen in this light Gillespie and Parker may have been undertakers rather than pioneers, even though most of the blame rests with the hordes of lesser musicians who copied them so slavishly.

The news of Gillespie's passing raises one other question: how many of the great crowd-pullers are there left? The same thought occurred with the death of Stan Getz. Sonny Rollins is still active, of course, and so are Oscar Peterson and Lionel Hampton, though whether they play with as much vigour or inventiveness must be open to question.

Who is going to replace all of these names? It is a question that some of us would prefer not to think about. At least we have the records. But is that enough?

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DAVID REDFERN



Lovable grandfather figure: Dizzy Gillespie in the early Eighties

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WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

BOLSHOI BALLET: The Bolshoi may not be one of the world's best ballet companies anymore, but it still can draw the crowds. Artistic director Yuri Grigorovich has created choreographic suites based on the full-length works in the Bolshoi repertoire. There will be three full-length ballets on offer every night, each conveyed in less than one hour. The Royal Albert Hall has been transformed for the occasion with a proscenium arch stage which will extend into the arena. Tomorrow's opening programme comprises Act III of *Swan Lake*, plus abridged versions of Grigorovich's *Golden Age* and *Romeo and Juliet*
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212), tomorrow, 8pm; then eves 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.

THE DEEP BLUE SEA: Karel Reisz directs Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache in Rattigan's 1952 drama of hopeless infatuation. His last major play.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Previews tonight, tomorrow, Mon, 8pm, opens Tues, 7pm

THE GAMES OF LOVE AND CHANCE: Maggie Steed, disguised as a servant, discovers true love and obedience in one of Marivaux's better contrivances. Mike Alfreds and Neil Bartlett co-direct:
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, opens Mon, 7pm.

THE ADVENTURES OF MR BROUCEK: English National Opera's Janáček production has fine performances from Graham Clark, Vivian Tierney and Bonaventura Bottone, beautiful orchestral playing, and exemplary conducting from Sir Charles Mackerras; but David Pountney's staging, piling in-joke upon in-joke, suffers from an excess of invention.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, 7.30pm.

WAITING AT THE WATER'S EDGE: Moving between the coasts of Harlech and Nova Scotia two women search for what is missing in their lives. Polly Teale directs a new play by Lucinda Coxon.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Opens tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, until January 30.

BOSNIAN BENEFIT: Willard White, cellist Steven Isserlis, saxophonist John Harle, pianist Joanna MacGregor and the Brodsky Quartet get together for an impromptu evening of classical music in aid of the charity War Child.
Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 (081-985 2424), Sun, 8pm

A NIGHT FOR DAVID: Cleo Laine, John Dankworth and guests Kenny Baker and Don Lusher celebrate the music of David Lindup.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

REGIONAL

BOURNEMOUTH: The **Bournemouth Sinfonietta**, the Bournemouth Symphony Chorus and soloists perform Handel's great oratorio, *Messiah*.
Wessex Hall, Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road (0202 685222), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

EXETER: An all-Tchaikovsky concert performed by the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** under David Shallon includes the Symphonic Fantasy, Francesca da Rimini, Symphony No 5 and Piano Concerto No 1 (performed by John Lill).
University Great Hall, University of Exeter (0392 410528), tonight, 7.30pm.

LEEDS: Tim Albery directs **Opera North's** first production of Verdi's grandest opera, *Don Carlos*, to be performed in Andrew Porter's English translation. The cast includes Patrick Power, Linda McLeod, Claire Powell, John Tomlinson and Anthony Michaels Moore. Paul Daniel conducts.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351/440971), tonight, 7pm.

LIVERPOOL: Libor Pešek continues his Mahler cycle with the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** in a performance of the Symphony No 6. The programme also includes the British premiere of *Music, Untangled*, by the estimable Scottish composer Judith Weir. The concert is repeated tomorrow
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street (051-709 3789), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm

MANCHESTER: Sian Edwards, soon to take up her position as English National Opera's new music director, conducts the Manchester-based **Hallé Orchestra** in Glinka's overture, *Russian and Ludmila*, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 and Brahms's Symphony No 2. Andrew Wilde is soloist in the Rachmaninov.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street (061-834 1712), Sun, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◪ **ANNIE GET YOUR GUN:** Irving Berlin's pre-feminist musical is no model for a Nineties woman but the songs are simply smashing
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5987). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm. 160mins. Final week.

☐ **BARNUM:** Enjoyable Christmas treat, with Paul Nicholas walking the high wire. Bouncy numbers by Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

■ **CAROUSEL:** Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the fairground musical.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Tues, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◪ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Peter Shaffer's latest, bloodthirsty revenge versus forgiveness on a modern Greek island. Deep issues, iffy treatment but a powerful Judi Dench.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 165mins.

■ **HAMLET:** Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's production. Uncut version, plays four-and-a-half hours.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, Mon, Tues, 6.30pm, mat tomorrow, 12.30pm.

☐ **HAY FEVER:** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY:** Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged; doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 135mins.

◪ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

◪ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 180mins.

◪ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◪ **MISERY:** Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson in American *grand guignol*, good characterisation for Stephen King addicts.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **OUR SONG:** Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

◪ **PYGMALION:** Alan Howard, Frances Barber in a Howard Davies production that some admire greatly while others feel subordinates the text to a clever design.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Mon, Tues, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, Tues, 2pm. 195mins. Final performances.

◪ **THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE:** Alison Steadman and Jane Horrocks in Jim Cartwright's play about a shy girl escaping her raucous mother. Ingenious but incredible. A National Theatre transfer.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** Simon Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

☐ **TRELAWNY OF THE "WELLS":** Pinero's comedy about theatre folk in mid-Victorian London. Successful only in parts and the minor parts at that. Stars Michael Hordern and Sarah Brightman
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ☐ **Carmen Jones**: Old Vic (071-928 7616) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)**: Arts Theatre (071-836 2132) ... ☐ **Dancing at Lughnasa**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☐ **From a Jack to a King**: Ambassadors (071-836 6111) ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Me and My Girl**: Adelphi (071-836 7611) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

DANZON: Mexican telephone operator searches for lost dancing partner. Seductive music, good atmosphere, and a plot gently going nowhere. Director, Maria Novaro.
ICA (071-930 3647)

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

MAN TROUBLE (15): Ellen Barkin hires Jack Nicholson's guard dog but finds no security. Talent wasted in dreadful comedy from director Bob Rafelson and the writer of *Five Easy Pieces*, Carole Eastman.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

RAISING CAIN (15): Split personality John Lithgow kidnaps kids, terrorises Lolita Davidovich, and bores the audience. Ludicrous hokum from director Brian De Palma.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310)

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

CURRENT

BLADE RUNNER (15): The improved "director's cut" of Ridley Scott's influential vision of a dark, hellish L.A., infested with rebel androids. Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279/379 7025) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **THE BODYGUARD** (15): Kevin Costner as the bodyguard who falls for his showbiz charge (Whitney Houston). Jumbled drama, from a 1975 Lawrence Kasdan script. Director, Mick Jackson.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr, but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his career
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Odeon Leicester Square** (0426 915683)

◆ **DEATH BECOMES HER** (PG): Meryl Streep and Goldie Hawn battle to attain eternal youth. Ice-cold black comedy, ultimately swamped by special effects. Stars Bruce Willis, director, Robert Zemeckis.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **A FEW GOOD MEN** (15): Cocky naval lawyer (Tom Cruise) defends marines accused of murder. Devilishly seductive courtroom drama starring Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson; director, Rob Reiner.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574)

◆ **STRICTLY BALLROOM** (PG): One dancer's fight to defy the rules of the Australian Ballroom Dancing Federation; ebullient, intoxicating.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683)

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12): Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu); director, Alain Corneau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Véry.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

DANCE: **John Percival** is unimpressed by a double bill from Adventures in Motion Pictures

Numbers add up to very little


DONALD COOPER

Diminishing returns: Adventures in Motion Pictures attempt a send-up of the Bloomsbury set, but the kitsch treatment is too unspecific

The Percys of Fitzrovia
Lyric, Hammersmith

SOME people may be offended by parts of this show. Matthew Bourne's sense of humour, as revealed in his new double bill, includes an episode where he and Scott Ambler pretend to commit repeated acts of sodomy in the street after they have met in one of those old-fashioned very public French urinals. That is just one of the illustrations of the perils and pleasures of Gay Paree in *The Infernal Galop*, the second half of the programme.

This piece does include one funny joke, when Andrew George in blue silk dressing gown and green socks and undies imitates a fish to a recording of Charles Trenet singing "La Mer". But the rest is dreadfully corny. It is a revised and redesigned version of a work Bourne first gave at The Place in 1989. I do not remember it as being quite so boring: has Bourne spoiled it by his changes? Or do his ideas simply not stand up to being exposed twice?

The problem is that he works to a formula: one number after another, not much to do with each other except for a vague theme. It is surely no coincidence that the one commission forcing him to break away from this formula, his *Nutcracker* for Opera North, is also his biggest success.

The gimmicky approach would matter less if there was some real dance content to his productions, but like too many of our young would-be choreographers he has been encouraged to suppose that concept is a substitute for movement. First time round, yes, it may serve to some extent to hide deficiencies, but the law of diminishing returns operates very strictly here.

The entirely new half of the programme, *The Percys of Fitzrovia*, appears to attempt a send-up of the Bloomsbury set. But the kitsch treatment is too unspecific. The cast list identifies a painter, a poet, a lady novelist and so on, but they are all much alike, with the possible exception of the ghastly little hanger-on played by an exquisite young man in drag.

Here too there is one good number, performed to Percy Grainger's arrangement for piano solo of Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto. This produces a wild take-off of empty emotions revealed in heavy attitudinising.

David Manners's decor of a screen painted with three vorticist figures is clever, and his costumes are more acceptable here than in *The Infernal Galop*. But the chief interest and effect all evening lies in the choice of music: deliciously obvious French songs for the second half, and a selection of hilariously inapposite pieces (many of them by Martinu) for the first half. For a show so reliant on music, the quality of the amplification, deplorable in any circumstances, is doubly unforgivable.

THEATRE: A showcase for new writing in Hampstead; and a post-feminist cabaret in Islington

First lessons in Russian

Retreat from Moscow
New End

THIS comes from a company called First Writes, which says in the programme that it exists "for playwrights and actors", producing new work by the former category of person and allowing the latter to "demonstrate the full range of their talents". That raises an obvious question. What about the audience? There were times in Don Taylor's play, forceful though it becomes, when several of us must have wondered if First Writes might not pay a little less attention to its own need to express itself and a little more to our powers of endurance.

The subjects are ones always liable to provoke garrulity: the liberal conscience and embattled idealism. Here, both are represented by Tom (Michael N. Harbour), a classicist who has lost his university job, thanks to what he regards as Thatcherite philistinism and money-grubbing. He survives by giving Greek lessons, listening to inspirational Soviet anthems, looking at a print of Lenin, wondering if he should finish the book on socialism his late wife left uncompleted, and making fraught speeches to his daughter Philippa (Lucy Taylor).

She is a bleak, cynical brand of person, apt to come out with sour aperçus like "the market has no morality and cares for nothing but what's good for itself"; and, though she has a degree, she is also a bit of a drop-out, taking in ironing to pay the bills. Clearly, she is meant to represent a generation without belief and hope. People in *Retreat from Moscow* often seem more exemplary than real.

It is quite a relief when this defeatist menage is invaded by a Russian historian on the run from impoverished Moscow, contemptuous of British bleating, and out for some consumerist fun. As played by Barry Stanton, he at first seems a pretty outrageous stereotype, with his fruity chuckles and bear-like roars of "Ve vill look at ze vorld through a haze of alcohol and see ze unavoidable truth of things." But he turns out to be an anguished poseur with ugly goods in his suitcases and dark secrets in his memory-bank.

When Stanton finally rips off his Slavic mask, the evening comes to life. So it does when a Muslim student (Krishna Kumari) talks to Tom of her wish for education and a career rather than an arranged marriage. Taylor can certainly write a good confession. But he tends to repeat, italicise, doggedly spell out ideas, and, considering he is also the play's director, show a surprising tolerance for sheer verbal slog. Agreed, the play is partly about liberal self-indulgence; but I do not *think* Taylor would be so lenient if he were directing someone else's work.

Nor, I suspect, would he put up with quite so embarrassing an ending. I must not go into detail, but I can reveal that a Soviet anthem plays its part, along with quivering utopianism and bristling defiance of capitalist ethics. Is this life? No, attitudinising only.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

New roles for women

I've Got Nothing To Wear
Lilian Baylis

OF COURSE, there is a place in our world for cabaret, and in a culture charged with feminism there is a place for cabaret that looks at the world from that viewpoint. Apparently, feminism has now been overtaken by post-feminism, and it would be good to learn how the baton was passed on or snatched, or whether it was dropped.

Perhaps Monstrous Regiment is the company best placed to stage such a cabaret — the name is certainly perfect — but Claire Venables and her team of writers (Paula Webb, John Flanagan) and performers only occasionally rise to the challenge. Some of the sketches and many of the songs all too obviously sink, so that even the most devoted members of the audience on the opening night could not bring themselves to clap these items heartily. The devotees did their best, we all did our best, letting out a guffaw when a sharp line tickled our fancy. But the blunt and boring lines then took over again.

For example, the two sketches by the solitary man, Matt Devereaux, in the cast of four. The premise of these is his claim to have invented a new language to suit these post-feminist times. At least he avoids substitution tricks with genitive pronouns, a joke that is now ancient history/hertory. But then to speak incomprehensible sentences and, worse still, sing and, worst of all, come back a second time and sing some more — it's inexcusable. If we decide to get heavy about this: what's the sub-text? That post-feminist talk is rubbish?

Each of the three women gives herself a character and generally keeps close to it in the sketches that follow — sketches written by various hands including their own. Michele Whitehead, fraught-eyed and acrobatic, begins as a sports enthusiast, but there is nowhere for this to go except into naive enthusiasm, which proves unrewarding.

The other two adopt personae with more potential. Amanda Symonds, large, bubbly and sporting for part of the time an absurd white bow in her hair, chooses the role of someone knocked askew by the changing definitions of a real woman. Her amusing account, peppered with psycho-babble, about giving up what she continues to want, climaxes with the mad line "I never eat more than I can lift."

Sally Armstrong, Scottish, comically gloomy and sometimes wearing a crinoline frame over her black PVC jeans, is also troubled by definitions. Addicted to books on how to cure addictions, she nurses secret longings to be inside a Victorian novel and give herself to "a brute with a riding crop and property".

The word "property" turns that whole sketch into social comment, though the context is a century out of date. What the show needs is more, crisper, cutting observation on how pre-feminist desires have changed or been changed by recent dogma. Or dogpa!

JEREMY KINGSTON

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Fanning the flames of genius

David Sinclair looks at the twin lunacies facing rock stars: pathologically devoted fans and self-destruction through drugs



John Lennon signs an autograph for his killer Mark David Chapman (right). Photograph by Paul Goresh/New York News/UPI

The spectre of insanity is often glimpsed by those who seek to explore and exploit the limits of their creative potential. The image of the mad painter, actor, author or inventor has become a stereotype, and the theme of madness is one which recurs in the literature and arts of most cultures. But can there be another area of creative endeavour that offers such ideal conditions in which to sever the links with reality as does the looking glass world of the modern rock 'n' roll star?

In its less extreme manifestation, it encourages eccentricities of the sort of "Wacko" Michael Jackson, with his chimp and his oxygen tent. Rock and other creative arts have long provided an outlet for talented individuals with quirky egos, an environment in which bizarre behaviour is not so much tolerated as expected.

> 'Many rock pioneers have returned with their psyches in tatters'

But the price to be paid can be high. Brian Wilson, leader and "creative genius" of the Beach Boys, recalls the prelude to the opening night of his group's 1982 residency at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

"Depressed, disgusted, and humiliated, I retreated to the safety of my [hotel] room, where Carolyn and I spent the evening ordering prodigious amounts of food as well as fourteen bottles of champagne. How much we drank and how much was spilled on the carpet or poured in the sink is impossible to say. But I didn't roll out of bed until the road manager called me several minutes before show time the following night. As I travelled downstairs in the elevator, I wasn't very different from a coma victim."

A vulnerable and insecure youth who had been beaten and abused in childhood by his father, Wilson was gifted with a musical talent that had earned him his first $1 million before he was old enough to vote.

This success pitched him into a world where indulgences of any description are catered for and the recreational use of "mind-expanding" drugs such as marijuana and LSD was considered beneficial. He rapidly lost his bearings.

As a songwriter, producer and performer, Wilson exhibited tremendous sensitivity and grace. But when the hits dried up and inspiration failed him, the man who wrote "Good Vibrations", "I Get Around", "God Only Knows" and so many others, responded by retreating to his bed for two and a half years. Never cleaning his room or even washing himself, he consumed "unthinkable quantities" of junk food, booze, cigarettes, coffee and cocaine, until he eventually turned into a 24-stone vegetable.

The squalid yet gripping tale of his slide into insanity is told in Wilson's autobiography *Wouldn't It Be Nice — My Own Story*, published in paperback later this month. The book caused controversy when it was first published in America, on account of the intimate and continuing involvement of Wilson's therapist Dr Eugene Landy in all aspects of his client's life, from managing Wilson's business affairs to claiming co-songwriting credits on Wilson's most recent albums.

Many observers have detected the voice of Landy speaking through the pages of the book at least as loudly as that of Wilson himself. Other members of the Beach Boys are currently engaged in legal action in a bid to force Landy to loosen his grip on Wilson's life.

The miracle is that Wilson, now 50, is still around and capable of telling the tale. Others of his generation pushed themselves beyond the limits of physical endurance before their mental state became an issue.

Brian Jones, founder multi-instrumentalist with the Rolling Stones, a heavy user of various drugs, had a history of depressive mental illness and was described by one psychiatrist as "an extremely frightened young man" more than a year before he drowned in a swimming pool accident in 1969. The Doors singer Jim Morrison's behaviour was increasingly unpredictable and bizarre in the year preceding his death in 1971, from a heart attack while in the bath.

Many of rock's pioneers, although physical survivors, have returned from the trip with their psyches in tatters: Peter Green, the original leader of Fleetwood Mac, and Syd Barrett, the founder singer, songwriter and guitarist in Pink Floyd, are among the most notable casualties. Both of them are gifted performers with fault lines in their personalities that became aggravated by drug abuse and ineluctably widened by exposure to the elixir of celebrity.

One of those who emerged unscathed from the eye of the hurricane is Mick Jagger. Musing on the motives for wanting to be a star, he once remarked that "Money is pretty level-headed compared to all the other things you want. If you want money at least there are things you can do with it. But it's adulation ... that's what most people are after."

A chilling description of what happens when that adulation turns to hatred is described in meticulous detail by Jack Jones in his new book *Let Me Take You Down — Inside The Mind Of Mark David Chapman, The Man Who Shot John Lennon*. With commendable regard for the facts, Jones's dispassionate account attempts to analyse and explain exactly why, on December 8, 1980, the 25-year-old Mark Chapman took it into his head to pump five bullets into the back of a rock star he had once idolised.

Culled from more than 200 hours of interviews conducted with Chapman in his prison cell in Attica, New York, the book is a biography-cum-psychological profile of Lennon's killer which attempts to unravel the thinking behind this senseless act of barbarism.

A depressingly familiar pattern emerges. A highly sensitive individual, Chapman was subjected to bad parenting (he loathed his father who beat up his mother) before engaging in a naïve but intensive period of drug abuse.

Although capable of immense charm — the woman he married, and who still awaits his return, describes him as "witty, generous, kind, gentle, studious, intelligent and cute" — Chapman nursed a weak, cowardly and obsessional nature which eventually got the better of him.

"There's a big part of me that's mostly good," he explains in the reasoned tone that makes his story all the more unsettling. "But there also is a very small part of me that is very powerful and very evil."

So why did he do it? In so far as it is possible to isolate one clear motive, the simple, awful truth of the matter is that Chapman wanted to be famous. "I was an acute nobody," he explains. "I had to usurp someone else's importance, someone else's success. I was 'Mr Nobody' until I killed the biggest Somebody on earth."

Chapman now receives mail from all around the world, much of it threatening in tone, but a significant portion of it adulatory. He is frequently asked for his autograph, often to be auctioned off in order to raise money for various respected charities. One such request came from the Red Cross.

There has been little agreement among the many psychiatrists who have studied his case as to whether Chapman was clinically insane or not when he shot John Lennon. But in the sense that he has achieved his desired result — to become a Somebody — his action could be described as rational. Indeed, Jones's book has contributed to Chapman's notoriety.

Perhaps it is the world, so enthralled by the icons of pop culture and so readily serviced by a media with a voracious appetite for new and more extreme sensations, that has really gone mad.

● *Let Me Take You Down — Inside The Mind Of Mark David Chapman, The Man Who Shot John Lennon by Jack Jones is published on Tuesday by Virgin (£14.99).*

● *Wouldn't It Be Nice — My Own Story by Brian Wilson with Todd Gold is published in paperback on January 28 by Bloomsbury (£9.99)*

TELEVISION

Ask your doctor to open wide

An eight-part series about men in white coats with a provocative title such as **The Trouble with Medicine** (BBC 2) is likely to invite scepticism about its own credentials. Last night's opener, "Code of Silence", took doctors to task for keeping their patients in the dark: in America, their excessive reliance on tests and technology instead of discussion with the patient; in Japan, conspiring with the patient's family to conceal the correct diagnosis.

All very well — but what did the documentary tell us about its own methods? Is there a conspiracy of silence among television producers to hide the truth about how they decide to give the medical profession, or whoever it may be, another roasting? Doctors may, as the impersonal voice-over asserted, have been secretive ever since Hippocrates; but the same goes for the upstart profession of broadcasting. Deceit and illusion, placebos and bromides are the stock-in-trade of television, and it can lay claim to fewer mitigating virtues. Where is television's Hippocratic oath?

The Japanese material had a ghoulish fascination. But what it really proved was the truism that doctors are part of the culture in which they live, and behave in the manner expected of them by their patients. Most patients want their doctors to reassure them, and most doctors want their patients to have peace of mind. The exceptions were the kind of people who are exceptional in any society: the bolshy Japanese lady who wanted to be told the worst; or the surgeon who confronted the appalled family of a woman patient with the cancerous breast he had just removed.

Disease and death are frightening things; the "code of silence" evolved to meet the demands of a society in which few serious conditions were curable and many of the cures more lethal than the disease. But the advances of the past century have created few demands, chief among them a desire to know what, in a given case, is likely to happen and what the various treatments will mean. It may well be that new medical technology has often caused doctors to neglect tried methods of diagnosis or therapy.

Yet the chief reason why the technology has been invented is to satisfy the craving for more knowledge, and one by-product has been that patients are now far better informed about their bodies than they were even a generation ago. New drugs, new instruments, new techniques may not make better physicians; but they certainly make for better-informed laymen.

What seems now to be happening in Japan is a good illustration of this breaking down of traditional medical secretiveness. But in Britain, where medical knowledge is very widely available, the problem is often that patients are reluctant to confess their ignorance, or do not know how to frame questions. Doctors should volunteer more information, without having it teased out of them.

None of the doctors in *The Trouble with Medicine* did this better than a kindly old Japanese GP, whose country practice would not, he said, have much interest for younger people. But all medical students could benefit from a spell in a quiet rural area, making house calls and seeing how their patients live, rather than remaining cocooned in hospitals and health centres.

DANIEL JOHNSON



Andras Schiff: no truck with playing completions of unfinished movements, or fragments that end poignantly in mid-air

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Andras Schiff will no doubt be filling the Wigmore Hall on each of the six evenings of his cycle of Schubert piano sonatas this month. He began his odyssey on Wednesday, stating in the programme his policy: unlike others, he would be holding no truck with playing completions of unfinished movements, or fragments that end poignantly in mid-air.

The territory of the piano sonata would seem a far more natural area for a revolutionary like Beethoven to inhabit; a form well able to accommodate his explosive expressivity. Schubert, however, was no less a revolutionary. He draws all the richness of his song-writing into his sonatas, allowing his ideas to explore their own ramifications by giving them as much space as they require. Nobody understands Schubert's expansiveness, nor shows ability to control phrase and rhythm, balance and colour, better than Schiff.

For a man still not 40 he demonstrates remarkable insight and authority, though as he himself says this music has an open innocence well suited to the young mind. Throughout this first concert there was but one ugly sound, when in the E minor Sonata, D566 — of which, for the sake of tonal unity, Schiff gave only the first two of the extant three movements (the third is an A flat major Scherzo) — he once inadvertently thumped the loud pedal. Normally one would barely notice such a thing, but Schiff makes the ears hyper-sensitive, rightly beguiling the listener inwardly rather than indulging in rhetorical gesture.

Once beguiled (not difficult) we have our work to do too, following the chromatic excursions of the adventurous Allegretto second movement of this sonata, written in 1817, for instance, or tracing the leisurely unfolding of the Andante of the C major Sonata, D840, composed in 1825 but put aside with its third and fourth movements uncompleted. Even this piece's contrasting episodes Schiff managed to keep in context: not violent eruptions but interesting undulations on an otherwise smoothly contoured, if far from flat, landscape.

But the evening's major work was the great A minor Sonata, D845, which dates from the same year. Here, in music that ranges as wide as anything in the repertoire, Schiff needed to draw on every facet of his considerable art. He relished alike every turn of the imposing opening movement, the rich variations of the C major slow movement, and the fleet virtuosity, still of a spiritual rather than an exhibitionistic kind, demanded by the Rondo finale. It was a remarkable stage of what promises to be a very remarkable and epic journey.

STEPHEN PETTITT

PARIS NOTEBOOK

Fresh perspectives on French painting

The crowds are once again hurrying through I.M. Pei's controversial pyramid in the Louvre courtyard. They are going in to see the vast new display of French paintings that opened in the Musée du Louvre just before Christmas. Thirty-nine new rooms are hung with the French painters from the 17th to the 19th century, starting with the forgotten allegorical painter Pierre Mignard and ending with Corot. (The Musée d'Orsay takes over the story of French art from that point.)

The new rooms are less pompous and marble-clad than those opened three years ago as part of the new Grand Louvre. They have been designed by the architect Italo Rota, and depend much more on natural light from outside, with "light traps" in the ceiling that diffuse the light evenly over the rooms. There are also splendid vantage-points for looking out over the courtyard and up the "historic perspective" to the Arc de Triomphe.

As for the paintings, here are all the famous masterpieces of Watteau, Fragonard and Chardin. There is a room dedicated to the first French art critic, Diderot, which gives an impression of what a well-informed collector's study would have looked like 200 years ago.

One great wall is covered with the "landscapes with ruins" of the painter Proust liked so much, Hubert Robert. There are a hundred sparkling Corots in the last gallery.

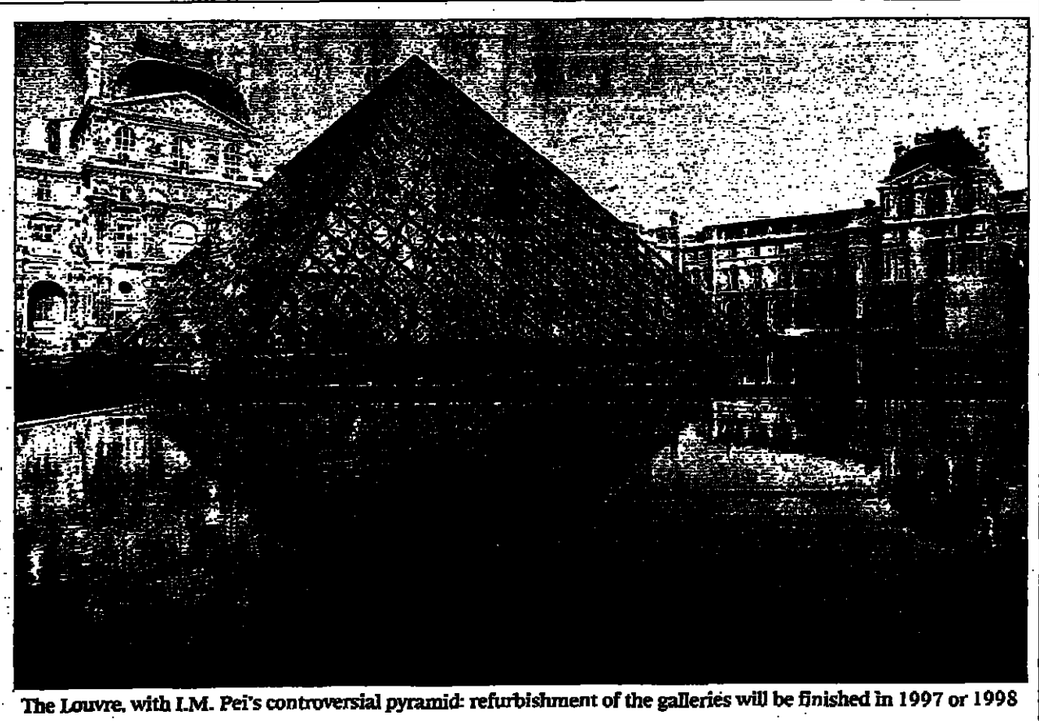
And still the Grand Louvre is not complete. The Richelieu wing opens in November, and the whole will not be finished until 1997 or 1998.

THE PLAY that Parisians are hurrying to is *La Serva amorosa* by the 18th-century Italian dramatist, Goldoni. It is the first big success of the Comédie Française for some time. The posters present it under its Italian title, with a translation beneath it, *La Servante aimante*. Some of the critics have rightly complained that this is a misleading translation: the heroine of the play, Coraline, is indeed a "loving" woman, but not in an amorous sense. She is a servant's daughter who has been brought up as the playmate of the master's son, Florindo. When they are both 20, Florindo is driven out of the house by an unkind stepmother. Coraline manages to restore the family amity, and fix up Florindo's marriage to another young woman into the bargain.

It might all sound too good to be true; but the critics are agreed that in this production by Jacques Lasalle the story unfolds with quite exceptional naturalness. Coraline, played by Catherine Hiégel, wins everyone's hearts with her energy and simplicity. "One of the great dates of the history of the Comédie Française," *Le Monde* sums up.

RATHER more criticism for *Montaigne* at the little Théâtre de Poche Montparnasse. This new play presents Montaigne as running between his wife and a clever, charming woman called Marie de Jars de Gournay. In fact, Montaigne was a wholly faithful husband — quite remarkably so for the late 16th century — and his wife and Mlle de Gournay worked together on a new edition of his *Essais* after his death. On top of that, the actor Etienne Bierry looks more like a ruddy-faced farmer than the long-skulled Montaigne of the contemporary portrait. However, Parisian theatregoers seem happy enough to forget truth for a good night out.

DERWENT MAY



The Louvre, with I.M. Pei's controversial pyramid: refurbishment of the galleries will be finished in 1997 or 1998

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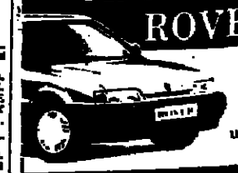
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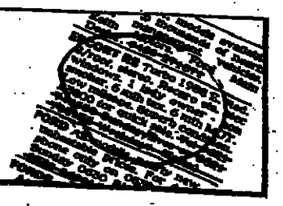
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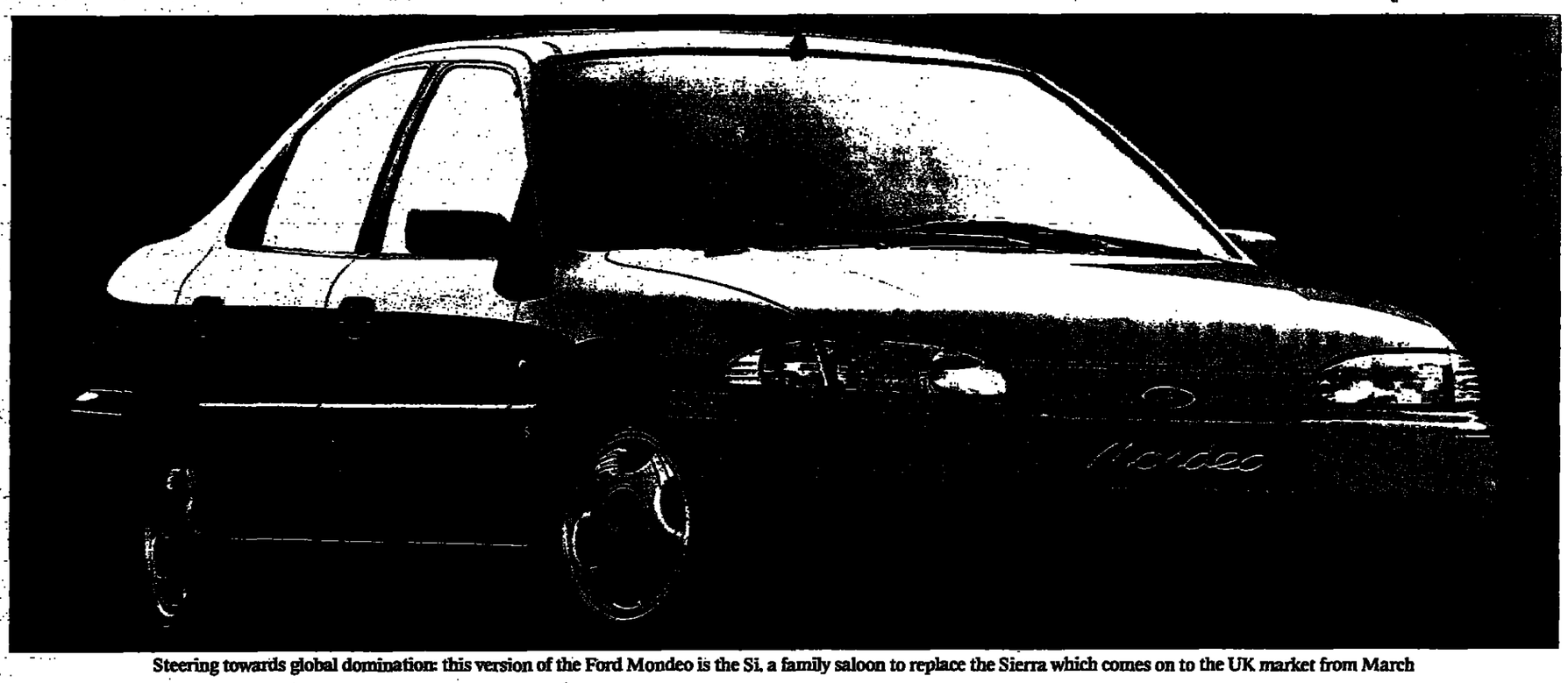
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Vaughan Freeman examines the most important Ford for 40 years and speaks to the Briton who led its design team

Is this the car to conquer the world?



Steering towards global domination: this version of the Ford Mondeo is the Si, a family saloon to replace the Sierra which comes on to the UK market from March

How do you get the entire population of the world into one car? Use an international design team and take six years to spend £3 billion on the development of a saloon may be the answer if Ford has managed to get its new Mondeo right.

This week, Ford unveiled the first details of its family saloon, to be launched on the United Kingdom market in March as a replacement for the Sierra.

Ian McAllister, Ford UK's chairman, says the car is one of the most advanced the company has ever produced. "The Mondeo is important to us all, and we are feeling very good about it.

"It is an all-new car which we believe will set new standards, and will show that we can not only take on the Japanese, but beat them on quality. It is probably the best thing we have ever done."

The car has been six years in development and the investment costs have run to an estimated £3 billion. The success of the car is of vital importance to Ford's future. Unless Mr McAllister's confidence is well placed, the Mondeo could prove a nail in Ford's coffin rather than the vehicle the firm needs to drive it out of the recession.

It is Ford's first "world" car produced by one design team drawn from America and Europe. The intention is that the vehicle, to be manufacturered in Ford factories in Belgium and Mexico, will go on sale around the world largely unchanged.

The attention paid to detail on the vehicle is mirrored by the time and effort Ford spent simply choosing the name. A four-month programme of research came up with a dozen possible options which were finally boiled down to "Mondeo" because of its associations in many languages with the concept of universality, people and the globe.

The car shares the rounded look of many of its modern rivals, such as the Honda Accord, Nissan Primera, and Vauxhall Cavalier, yet is sufficiently different from all of them. This relatively cautious design was chosen to avoid a repeat of the problems surrounding the launch of the then revolutionary-looking Sierra. When launched in 1982, the Sierra's "jelly mould" features proved too radical for many customers, who failed to buy the car until time and familiarity had softened its impact.

Mondeo is two inches shorter than the Sierra, but there is actually more space inside because it has a longer wheelbase. Helping the improvement in the amount of interior room is the switch-over from the Sierra's rear-wheel drive and longitudinally placed engine, to the Mondeo's front-wheel drive and transverse-mounted engine.

The car's standard features are impressive. The driver's seat height is adjustable, and the steering column moves up and down as well as in and out for virtually endless possibilities of driving position. There seems to be less room in the back, however, which would be awkward for rear seat passengers who are unusualy tall.

The car will come in four-door saloon, five-door hatchback and estate versions. This time, unlike the belated launch of the Granada Estate, Ford plans to have all the options available from the outset.

The hatchback version, particularly, looks good, with a huge rear window reminiscent of the large Saabs, and a cavernous boot with ample space for holidaying families and the sales representatives Ford hopes will flock to buy the car.

All petrol models will have Ford's latest and most sophisticated multi-valve engines, the 16-valve four cylinder Zeta unit in 1.6, 1.8, and 2-litre versions. A V6 2.5-litre for top-of-the-range models will become available next year.

There will also be a 1.8-litre diesel, and it is the 1.8-litre versions in both petrol and diesel that Ford anticipates will be the biggest seller, especially in the company car market, where the Sierra was so successful.

Prices have yet to be announced, but Ford has said that the Mondeo will be aggressively priced against the stern competition in the saloon sector.

Performance ranges from a top speed of 111 mph, and a 0-60 mph time of 13 seconds for the 1.6-litre, through to an acclaimed 129 mph top speed and 0-60 mph in nine seconds for the 2-litre. Transmission is through a five-speed manual gearbox, or an all-new electronically controlled four-speed automatic.

Mondeo is the first car in its class in the UK to offer a driver's side airbag as standard, with a passenger side airbag as an option.

Ford carried out 150 crash tests during the car's development, each one costing £177,000, and as a result says that Mondeo exceeds all existing — and planned — crash test standards.

Optional extras include traction control to prevent wheel spin in slippery conditions, anti-lock brakes, and adaptive shock absorbers to suit different conditions. Power steering is standard across the range, as are seat belts with pre-tensioners which grab the occupants in the event of an accident. Seats are designed to prevent occupants "submarining" under seat belts in an accident, and doors feature side impact beams to add strength.

Should the Belgian-built Mondeo attract the unwanted attention of car thieves or vandals, security features available include anti-theft alarms and an engine immobiliser.

Other thoughtful touches in the car's interior include a torch fitted in the glove compartment which is kept constantly charged, a pen-holder next to the gear stick, which takes anything from a Bic to a Mont Blanc, and a lid on the storage box between driver and passenger which folds out to become a cup holder.

It all goes to make a car which Ford cannot afford to see fail. The company is confident about the car's success, a confidence matched only by that of the designers whose faith in the vehicle's longevity is such that the odometer which registers the car's mileage reads all the way up to 999,999 miles.

No room for error: the man with the £3bn budget

The man behind Ford's most important new car for 40 years and the company's first true attempt at building a "world" car is a Briton, John Oldfield.

From the hundreds of thousands of staff employed by Ford, the company's Detroit chiefs selected Mr Oldfield to head its £3 billion Mondeo development programme. In March, the Mondeo replaces the decade-old Sierra which has been consistently among Britain's top ten sellers, and has sold a total of 1.3 million since its launch. Ford hopes the Mondeo will sell 600,000 a year world wide.

In developing a successor to the Sierra, Mr Oldfield had to revolutionise the way Ford develops new models. The Mondeo is to go on sale largely unchanged in Britain, across the rest of Europe, in America, Canada and the Far East. Designing, building and selling a single range of cars worldwide is a feat unmatched by any of Ford's rivals and, if it works, will set the pattern for future car development, thanks to the big savings it provides.

Mr Oldfield, who joined Ford in 1958 at the age of 21, is now product development vice-president for Ford of Europe. The Mondeo has been his life for the past six years since he was chosen to head the project because he had been involved in developing the Escort. "This is probably one of the most important programmes we have ever done, and the scale of the programme is huge. Its importance cannot be over-estimated," he says.

> 'The importance of the Mondeo project cannot be over-estimated'

The main engineering and design team was based in Britain and Germany, and, at its peak, Mr Oldfield headed a team of 800 designers. Design teams from the UK, Italy, California and Detroit were asked for ideas for the new car. Then all the teams flew to Cologne, Germany, to confer. Mr Oldfield says: "The Mondeo is very much an international effort."

An important worry was that with such a multi-national design, the car would end up looking completely bland. Mr Oldfield says: "We don't think that has happened. Designers are creative people, and we don't believe they have created a bland middle-of-the-road consensus. The car has what we call 'stretch'. If a design doesn't have stretch, it might have a lot of appeal when you launch it, but it will age very quickly. A design with stretch might make you feel a little uncomfortable at first, but you will grow to love it."

The key to the project was the fact that car tastes in Europe and America are converging. The American preference for huge gas-guzzlers has faded, and the demand there now is for smaller cars with European style looks, ride and handling. Ford also realised that safety tests worldwide, as well as environmental requirements, meant vehicles were all having to meet the requirements of increasingly similar legislation.

Sometimes though, the nightmare of failure did loom, Mr Oldfield says. "I have got to admit that there were times when I wondered if we would ever pull it off. With something like this, you develop a sort of regressive amnesia, so that it never looks quite as bad when you look back on it. The biggest problems were in getting agreement on a common product between north America and Europe."



Oldfield: led international team

One example came as American and European designers argued over how best to stamp out metal parts for the car. In America, the sides of a car are traditionally built in two halves, while in Europe, the side is stamped from one big sheet of metal. Mr Oldfield says: "We had technical reviews, and the pros and cons looked at, and we settled on a one-piece body side, since it gives major quality benefits in the finished product."

Jobs were apportioned according to expertise, so that American teams worked out the air conditioning and the automatic transmission, while the Europeans worked on the manual gearboxes.

About the only area where Oldfield did not have the final say was on the car's name. Harold Poling, the chairman of Ford of America, called two of his closest deputies into his Detroit office, shut the door, and from the short list, decided on Mondeo.

With the car about to be launched, Mr Oldfield has already put the Mondeo behind him, and is working on what Ford will build to replace the Fiesta car and the Transit van. Would he do it all again? "Yes," he says. "I would."

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The buzz that helps to beat the jams

The motorised equivalent of a child's old-fashioned toy scooter is being touted as a cheap and fun solution to city congestion. The Buzzboard is a sort of powered skateboard, which weighs 14lb and when you have beaten the traffic jams, can fold away into a canvas bag.

Unlike the CitiBike and Zike bike, battery-powered vehicles which were launched last year, the Buzzboard is powered by a two-stroke, 30 or 40cc petrol engine, the sort you would find on a chain saw. It will do 50 mpg at a top speed of 24 mph.

The unlikely-looking machine is initially being aimed at sailing enthusiasts as a way of whizzing round ports and marinas. The company behind the machine, Buzz Toys of London, claims an interest from a variety of sources, including the staff at Dublin airport.

The company is seeking road approval from the transport department, and hopes to have an answer by the end of the month.

The company says that the vehicle has been built to British Standards safety regulations and meets MoT rules for road-going vehicles with a maximum speed of 25 mph. Approval for road use is expected to require front and back lights.

For road use the machine, which it is claimed can take an 18st man standing, is expected to cost about £249 plus road tax of £15. The off-road version will sell for £199.99.

The machine is the brainchild of Doug Miller, 36, a automotive design engineer based in Plymouth who was formerly with the army's Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

He has teamed up with Johnny Hesketh, the businessman brother of Lord Hesketh, the former Formula One racing team manager.

The Buzzboard is steered from the handlebar column, which is attached to the front wheel, while the engine is attached to the rear wheel. The accelerator and clutch controls are incorporated into the handlebars, while a hand-operated brake lever acts directly on the rear wheel. Optional extras include a detachable seat, carrying basket and an engine silencer.

Rival machines are available in America and Britain, but Mr Miller said these cost nearly £1,000 and had solid, as opposed to pneumatic tyres, making them unsuitable for road use.

Matt Idiens, a salesman with the firm, says that the machine rides over holes in the road without throwing the user, can be jumped over kerbs and is suitable for wheelies. "It feels a bit like skiing. You can weave in and out of traffic like in a slalom," he said.

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Easy rider: the Buzzboard being put through its paces

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Cream tea, anyone?

☐ A traditional cream tea, with fiddly sandwiches, scones, jam and silver service, greeted visitors to the British stand at the Detroit Motor Show this week as the British Automobile Manufacturers Association created an island of little England. The vehicles on display at the industry's first important event of the year include models from Rolls-Royce Bentley, Jaguar and Lotus.

Record month

☐ Land Rover reports big successes in America. In December, the company sold 709 vehicles, against a previous monthly record of just over 500. In total last year, Land Rover sold 4,234 vehicles in America, up 28 per cent on 1991. Sales are expected to receive a further filip next year when the Land Rover Discovery, which has proved so popular in Europe, goes on sale in the States for the first time.

Extra inches

☐ The prime minister's legs were the catalyst for a new car from Jaguar. The Coventry luxury car manufacturer was dismayed to hear that while Mr Major was comfortable in the back of a Rover 800, he felt cramped in the rear of a Jaguar saloon. Within two weeks, Jaguar had cut one of its £40,000 cars in half and stretched it two inches to ensure the prime minister's comfort. Jaguar has already received several orders for cars to be stretched by a further five inches.



Petrol price war

☐ A decision to increase the price of petrol by 50 per cent would do little for the Chancellor's popularity. Yet a demand for just such a rise is growing in America. A petrol price war has pushed pump prices down to as low as 89 cents (about 60p) per gallon. Now, however, Bill Clinton, the president-elect, is being urged to add 50 cents per gallon in tax to try to ease the country's financial problems. Environmentalists support the idea and manufacturers are all but resigned to an increase. The American motorist is less than happy.

Batteries battered

☐ Motorists are their own worst enemies when it comes to breakdowns. The RAC warns drivers that flat batteries are the single biggest cause of breakdown and says that the problem is usually caused by owners leaving on their lights. Flat batteries account for 12 per cent of RAC call-outs, with a third of a million motorists needing jump starts for their cars each year. Seven out of the ten most frequent call outs for breakdown, the RAC says, are for electrical faults such as problems with points, condenser and wiring.

End of the Nova

☐ Vauxhall replaces its popular Nova small car this spring and has decided that the name will also die. Vauxhall sales and marketing executive director Peter Batchelor says: "With such a radically different style and class-leading safety and security features, the new car simply had to have a strong new name." It is to be called the Corsa.

Health check

☐ Fiat is offering customers a free health check for their cars during the winter months. Anyone who test-drives a Fiat becomes eligible for a free mechanical, safety and exhaust emission check on their present car and will be offered a £20 discount voucher against any subsequent remedial work needed and a free set of wiper blades.

Dual purpose

☐ Nissan this week launched its Serena estate car-cum-van. The multi-purpose vehicle, the size of a saloon car, is aimed at filling the gap between cars such as the Volvo estate and Renault Espace. The Spanish-built Serena comes with 1.6-litre or 2-litre petrol engines as well as a 2-litre diesel engine. There are four five-door options with six-, seven- and eight-seat alternatives.

V.F.

Dominant rose could prove thorn in Lions' side


Carling: probable captain



GERALD DAVIES
Rugby Commentary

You cannot walk on eggs without breaking a few shells. Selection of a team from within a squad, and the management of the final choice, is just as delicate; egos are bruised, personalities stirred and shaken, ambitions broken. And even within the selected band of happy brothers, a balance needs to be struck between a variety of temperaments.

There must be give and take. Sorting out tactics is child's play compared to keeping a bunch of potential moaning minnies in good humour. If within the brawniest of brawny tight forwards, there is a brittle prima donna demanding he be recognised for his subtlety, the prima donna on the wing only wishes he could be noticed at all, and be part of the action. Both want to be mollycoddled.

If this is the case within a club or national team, imagine how much more fragile is the constitution of a British Isles touring party. This is the high-wire act. Make the first step a false one, and balance cannot easily be restored.

There are not only personal sensitivities to take into account, but also national feelings from four different cultures and sets of values. When the mood is right, the idea of the Lions proves an inspiration more fulfilling than any tour made by an individual country. Its cosmopolitan nature and the way the players continue to cherish the Lions experience makes it something else. Even when parochial concerns emerge, and this is always a danger, it is rarely a bland brew. But when the blend is right, it becomes an intoxicating and unforgettable cocktail.

The five nations' championship, which begins tomorrow week, assumes an additional significance because of the impending selection of the Lions party. Much will depend on the season's form. But at this juncture, it is difficult not to assume that the bulk of the party will be made up of English players. The entire team has a fair claim to make, and with others such as Stuart Barnes and Dean Richards still strongly in the frame, more than half of the group to visit New Zealand could emerge from the England squad.

On the form of the past two seasons, they are simply the best. Not only is this a brilliant team but, crucially, each player is in a commanding position compared to his opposite numbers in the other countries. Each stands close scrutiny in his own right. The team is the sum of its accomplished parts.

Furthermore, the manager, Geoff Cooke, is also an Englishman, as is Dick Best, the assistant coach (a post introduced for the Lions tour to Australia in 1989, when Roger Uttley assisted Ian McGeechan, of Scotland).

McGeechan becomes the first man to coach the Lions twice. He also appeared twice as a player, and understands the effort required to maintain the equilibrium. He was first on the 1974 South African trip and secondly, in less happy circumstances, in New Zealand in 1977.

With a record second to none as a leader of his country, Will Carling must be the front-runner to captain the party. If he is chosen, and Gavin Hastings is the only other contender at present, might there not be an overwhelming gravitational pull to one side?

There is no precedent for this. To what extent, then, would Ian McGeechan's vision of the game coincide with that of the other three, who with their familiar players, have followed their own successful strategy hitherto? While resolving this dilemma, they will, of course, be aware of another fear: compromise does not win international matches.

All this will demand diplomacy, as much as cold analysis. Such is the difficulty when forming a team supposedly of many colours, when one colour dominates this corner of Europe. However carefully they may tread, I fear shells will be broken.

Gatting opens in England cricket team's second match

Taylor can grasp chance to enter Test reckoning

FROM PETER BALL IN LUCKNOW

PAUL Taylor makes his debut for an England team here today knowing that he has this one match in which to make an impact. The game, against the Indian Board President's XI, is England's last three-day fixture until just before the first Test.

Taylor, at least, is getting a chance to stake his claim. Richard Blakey has not been so fortunate, and barring an injury to Alec Stewart, or a dramatic loss of form by one or other of the main batsmen, he already seems doomed to a walk-on part in the weeks ahead.

"It's not possible to give everyone a game because there are so few matches, and we are trying to plan for the internationals, though some are unlucky," Graham Gooch said as he announced the team at lunchtime after practice in the vast Babu Singh stadium yesterday.

Phillip DeFreitas, John Emburey and Robin Smith, the three players who suffered either injury or illness, also come in for their first match of the tour. Paul Jarvis, Devon Malcolm and Dermot Reeve drop out of the side which played Delhi in Faridabad, along with Michael Atherton, who became the latest to suffer stomach trouble.

In the absence of Atherton, who is not likely to play in the one-day matches and who might have been left out anyway after playing the longest innings in the opening match, Gatting moves up to open as a temporary measure. Stewart is expected to fill that position in the limited-overs matches, when wicketkeeping will make less demands on his stamina.

With the occasional vulture waiting optimistically beside the roads out of town, monkeys playing on the roofs of houses surrounding the hotel and two hairy pigs snuffling for food in the rough grass on the next corner as a constant stream of cycles, trishaws and honking cars pass outside the windows, Lucknow could hardly be further removed from Taylor's experience. But he is a cheerful tourist, and he is relishing the experience.

"When I came out the general idea was to get out here, acclimatise and wait for my opportunity," he said after being told of his selection by Gooch. "I'm very pleased it has come so soon. If you are kept waiting, there is a little more pressure on you when your chance does come. Of course the pressure will still be there but not so much."

First impressions can be deceptive, but he looks as if he will cope. He had an impressive net yesterday, getting some movement as the last traces of the early morning mist left a heavy atmosphere. If the match wicket is the same, and it looked like it, both he and the spinners may enjoy themselves.

"Everybody is looking to play," he said, "so competition is quite fierce. The way the seam bowlers performed in the first match, the decision is quite difficult and I hope to make it even more difficult."

With Jarvis making an impressive start, Taylor clearly has a lot to do to force his way into the reckoning, but he will not lack for advice. He took full advantage of the presence of his most recent predecessor as a left-arm fast bowler, John Lever, at Lilleshall before Christmas to pick the brains of one of the game's shrewdest bowlers, and someone who had enjoyed success in India.

"He said to give the ball a chance to swing, to perhaps bowl a slightly fuller length than at home," Taylor said. "And he also said that it was going to be hard work, so it was important to keep going." With his broad frame, the Northamptonshire bowler looks equipped to do that.

It is a lesson Emburey is likely to point out to Phil Tufnell. The pair will operate in harness in this match, which should benefit both. It will also offer another chance to see some potential Test opponents, with Maninder Singh and the leg spinner, Narendra Hirwani, in the President's XI.

Both will be hoping for a recall to the Test squad, if not the one-day team, and other candidates in a strong opposition are Navjot Singh Sidhu, the former Test opener, and Ajay Sharma. But the most exciting prospect will be a first sight of Vinod Kambli, who partnered Sachin Tendulkar in the record schoolboy partnership of 664 for the third wicket in Bombay five years ago. Taylor may have a lot of bowling to do.

ENGLAND XI: G A Gooch (capt), M W Gatting, A J Stewart, R A Smith, N H Fairbrother, G A Hick, C C Lewis, P A J DeFreitas, J E Emburey, J P Taylor, P C R Tufnell.

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GRAHAM MORRIS
Spring in his step: Taylor goes through his paces in the nets at Lucknow yesterday

Maninder finds fortune is turning back in his favour

FROM PETER BALL

WITH the Indian team in such disarray in South Africa, several players in the Indian Board President's XI to meet the England touring team have much to play for. Nobody more so than Maninder Singh, who captains the side in the match in Lucknow today.

It represents a remarkable change of fortune for the tall, slow left-arm bowler, who three-and-a-half years ago suffered one of the worst cases of that appalling sporting phenomenon, "the yips", completely losing rhythm and control. Maninder even contemplated giving up the game "things had gone so badly".

"I seem to lose my action. I had all sorts of problems. I couldn't run in, I couldn't let go of the ball, it just stuck in my hand," he said, as he recollected a painful time earlier this week.

Maninder had no idea what was happening to him. As a young player he had been hailed as the obvious successor to Bishen Bedi, and he came into the Indian side at 17 for the first of his 34 Tests, playing in three matches against West Indies and five against Pakistan in 1982-3.

He became a fixture in the Indian team, but fell ill on the tour of England in 1986, and did not play for three months. He recovered to claim his two best match figures in Tests in the winter of 1986-7, taking ten for 126 against Pakistan at Bangalore, including seven for 27 in the first innings, and ten for 107 against Sri Lanka at Nagpur.

The trouble reached its peak when Maninder was playing as a professional for Blackpool in 1988. "I kept bowling to both corners of the square," he said. "Blackpool were really helpful and understanding, they honoured my contract and they didn't force me to bowl if I didn't want to." He contemplated giving up the game.

Generous support from his coach, Gurcharan Singh, and encouragement from Imran Khan kept him going.

In 1989 he just stood at the wicket and bowled without a run-up. He found he could bowl 30 overs for 40 runs "but I didn't take many wickets". He was recalled for three Tests against Pakistan, but with little success and he was discarded again.

With Delhi, progress was steadier. At first he found he could not loop the ball or turn it. "Gradually it is getting better," he said with modest understatement.

Last season his run was back to five paces. It is now up to seven, beginning with a kick on the heel which he says helps his rhythm, and he is the leading wicket-taker in the Ranji Trophy. Against the tourists at Faridabad, where he deserved much better than his unflattering figures of two for 65, the old loop was there and so was much of the guile.

With Azharuddin's captaincy under heavy criticism, Maninder's selection to lead the President's XI may prove more significant than people at first thought. He is still only 27. For a slow bowler, the peak years lie ahead.


Maninder: survivor

Series marred by negative batting

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN CAPE TOWN

INDIA, who return home this weekend a tired and chastened side, will have less than a week to lift themselves before starting an arduous programme against England. They completely failed to do themselves justice on their historic, first visit to South Africa.

In wider contexts, though, the tour proved an enormous success. It was free from political strife and other problems and more than £600,000 was raised for the South African board's development fund for black players.

On the field, India were beaten 1-0 in a wearisome Test series marred by the slow batting of both sides. India also lost the one-day games by a 5-2 margin, with consistently poor batting responsible for their shortcomings in both forms of the game.

South Africa's fast bowlers and the team's outstanding fielding were the key factors in their success. But the opportunity to re-launch five-day cricket in this country in a positive manner was missed.

For three years now an Indian team full of individual talent has failed to function properly under Azharuddin's captaincy. By Indian standards the selectors have been remarkably patient, as only one victory, on an under-prepared pitch at Chandigarh against Sri Lanka, has come in 17 Tests with Azharuddin at the helm.

He looks certain to be replaced as captain against England. It is too early for Tendulkar and Kapil Dev is the most likely new captain, although he has twice previously had the job and lost it. But he looks the only player with the presence and authority to inspire a revival.

Kapil is now 34 and his bowling is steady rather than penetrative. He is assured of his place, however, until he achieves the 20 wickets he needs to overhaul Sir Richard Hadlee's record of 431.

India will be pleased with the emergence of Amre as a batsman and the progress made by Srinath and Kumble among the bowlers. The averages, though, show how much Azharuddin, Manjrekar and Shastri struggled for runs.

For South Africa, Donald had an outstanding series as the spearhead of the pace bowling. McMillan always contributed in all three departments. Cronje, Hudson and Rhodes, at different times, supported the consistent Wessels among the batsmen.

The experiment with television replays to settle line decisions was a great success. But neither the players nor the umpires liked the daily rotation system for the three officials. In future South Africa will use the same two umpires on the field throughout and the third umpire will stay in the replay room for the entire game.

South Africa — batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct	St
J N Rhodes	4	7	1	225	91	45.00	—	2	1	—
K C Wessels	4	8	1	295	116	42.14	1	1	4	—
W J Cronje	3	6	1	207	135	41.40	1	—	—	—
B M McMillan	4	6	1	194	99	38.40	—	2	8	—
D J Cullinan	1	2	0	74	46	37.00	—	—	1	—
M W Pringle	2	2	1	36	33	36.00	—	—	—	—
C R Matthews	3	4	1	94	31	31.33	—	—	—	—
A C Hudson	4	8	0	245	55	30.62	—	3	6	—
D J Richardson	4	6	1	106	50	21.20	—	1	16	—
S J Cook	2	4	0	76	43	19.00	—	—	—	—
O Henry	3	3	0	53	34	17.66	—	—	2	—
A A Donald	4	5	3	29	14*	14.50	—	—	—	—
P N Kirsten	4	7	1	76	26	12.66	—	—	2	—
B N Schultz	2	2	2	0	0*	—	—	—	—	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5w	10w
A A Donald	175	49	394	20	19.70	7-84	2	1
C R Matthews	109	44	190	9	21.11	3-32	—	—
B M McMillan	155	55	307	13	23.61	4-74	—	—
W J Cronje	68.4	28	71	3	23.66	2-17	—	—
B N Schultz	61.4	16	101	4	25.25	2-27	—	—
O Henry	71.1	15	189	3	63.00	2-58	—	—

ALSO BOWLED: M W Pringle 34-10-87-1; J N Rhodes 1-0-5-0; P N Kirsten 5-1-13-0.

India — batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct	St
Kapil Dev	4	5	0	202	129	40.40	1	—	1	—
P K Amre	4	6	1	169	103	33.80	1	—	—	—
S R Tendulkar	4	6	0	202	111	33.66	1	1	4	—
A Jadeja	3	5	1	99	48	24.75	—	—	—	—
S V Manjrekar	4	7	2	116	46	23.20	—	—	3	—
K S More	4	5	0	102	55	20.40	—	1	12	—
M Azharuddin	4	8	0	120	50	20.00	—	1	6	—
V Raju	2	2	0	20	18	20.00	—	—	—	—
M Prabhakar	4	6	0	112	82	18.66	—	1	4	—
A R Kumble	4	5	1	60	21	15.00	—	—	1	—
R J Shastri	3	5	0	58	23	11.60	—	—	—	—
W V Raman	1	2	0	21	21	10.50	—	—	—	—
J Srinath	3	3	2	6	5	6.00	—	—	3	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5w	10w
A R Kumble	254.3	67	467	16	25.94	6-63	1	—
J Srinath	138.5	30	313	12	26.08	4-53	—	—
R J Shastri	81	4	74	2	37.00	2-38	—	—
Kapil Dev	165	49	299	8	37.37	3-43	—	—
M Prabhakar	144	31	309	8	43.22	4-90	—	—
V Raju	131	43	242	4	60.50	3-73	—	—

ALSO BOWLED: S R Tendulkar, 7-2-14-1; M Azharuddin, 0.1-0-4-0; S V Manjrekar, 1-0-4-0.

☐ Source: Richard Lockwood TCCB/Bull

RUGBY LEAGUE

Tuffs awaits sentence after guilty verdict

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

SIMON Tuffs, the former Bradford Northern player, who successfully appealed against a two-year ban by the Rugby Football League (RFL) following a positive drugs test, is awaiting sentence after he was found to have taken amphetamine, a class B controlled drug, before a match.

Tuffs, who was crossed off Northern's register after the incident, was tested positive in a random check after a game at Leeds on Boxing day 1990.

His suspension was subsequently lifted by the RFL after Tuffs claimed that the drug had been administered to a drink he had had at a Christmas party.

Tuffs, 25, who is no longer in the game, denied a charge of possession of the drug at Wakefield Crown Court this week. His claim that the drink had been tampered with was disputed by Dr Robert Forrester, an expert witness for the prosecution, who said that possibly lethal doses would have been required to record the levels of amphetamine found in Tuffs 48 hours later. Sentencing was adjourned following the jury's unanimous guilty verdict.

The RFL said yesterday that the sport remained virtually free of both steroid and social drug abuse. Of 700 checks since random testing was introduced five years ago, only seven had proved positive.

☐ Leeds try to end a losing run of nine away games and move into fourth place in the Stones Bitter championship when they play Warrington tonight.

☐ Danny Divet, the France forward, who has joined Hull on a month's trial, may make his debut against Widnes on Sunday.

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League.

Third division

Colchester v Doncaster (7.45) .....
Gillingham v Rochdale (7.45) .....
Northampton v Barnet .....

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Shelbourne v Drogheda United (7.45).

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Flint v Connah's Quay.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v Arsenal.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Warrington v Leeds (7.30).

HOCKEY

EUROPEAN NATIONS WOMEN'S INDOOR CUP: Crystal Palace: England v France; Scotland v Austria; Germany v Denmark; Spain v Czechoslovakia.

OTHER SPORT

DARTS: Embassy world professional championship (Frimley Green).

TABLE TENNIS: England v France (Grantham).

Answers from page 36

SORBITE
(b) A nitride and carbide of titanium found as red microscopic crystals in pig iron, named after its identifier: "Sorbite has been detected by Sorby in many cast-irons as beautiful triangles, rhombs, hexagons and complex crosses."

VADOSE
(c) Of, pertaining to, or designating underground water occurring above the water-table, from the Latin *vadum* a shallow piece of water; *vadosus* shallow: "For that part of the subterranean circulation, bounded by the water-level, and called the vadose or shallow underground circulation, the law of a descending movement holds good."

HUMMUS
(b) An hors d'oeuvre, originating in Middle Eastern countries, made from ground chick-peas and sesame oil flavoured with lemon and garlic, also spelled *hoummos* and other restaurant variants, from the Turkish *humus* mashed chick-peas: "Passing up the usual *hummus* as a starter." "Order the paste of ground chick peas, oil and lemon which is called hummus."

MASSIC
(a) Designating an ancient wine produced in Campania, Italy, ad. Latin *Massicus*, the name of a mountain in Campania: some bouze their time away." "The Falernian grew upon the volcanic Campania near Naples, where also the Massic was produced."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
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Rushing Wild on stand-by for late switch to Sandown

BY MICHAEL SEELY

IF CHESTER Barnes has his way, Rushing Wild will be switched from the Warwick Premier Chase tomorrow to the Anthony Mildmay Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase at Sandown the same afternoon.

"He's only got 10st 1lb in the handicap, which is worth £20,000 compared with the £7,000 added to the conditions race at Warwick," said Martin Pipe's assistant.

Barnes was at Worcester yesterday to supervise a short-priced double with Gay Ruffian and Capability Brown, and added: "If Rushing Wild were to beat Bradbury Star at level weights, that might fix him with the handicapper for the rest of his life."

However, the final decision will rest with the champion trainer, who is taking a week's holiday in Tenerife.

Rushing Wild is 12-1 with Ladbrokes for the Cheltenham Gold Cup after his 12-length win in a Wincanton handicap on Boxing day.

Peter Scudamore has already made it plain that he will partner Rushing Wild in whichever race is chosen, but the rider is still determined to partner Her Honour, 10-1 favourite for the Triumph Hurdle, in the Leasowes Novices Hurdle at Warwick.

"Even if Rushing Wild goes to Sandown, I could still ride in the 1.20 at Warwick and be at Esher in time for the chase at 3.05. I haven't yet ridden Rushing Wild in a race, but I've schooled him and he's very impressive."

Despite the sodden going, the Worcester punters had a field day, five of the seven favourites being successful.

One of the easiest winners of the afternoon was Aahsaylad. A useful staying handicapper on the Flat when trained by Francis Lee, the 20,000 guinea purchase at the Newmarket sales was handled with insolent confidence by Adrian Maguire before beating Juno Away.

Just about the most relieved man at Worcester was Oliver Sherwood after Beauchamp Express had experienced no difficulty in following up a recent Newton Abbot victory in the second division of the novices' hurdle.

"Things seem to be coming right at last," said the trainer. "First the horses were wrong and then we had the freeze-up. Perhaps we'll have a good Cheltenham."

Backers also look like being on the mark in the concluding Broadway Handicap Hurdle when Quentin Durwood and Mark Pitman appeared to have the issue in safe keeping. But despite a mistake at the last, Olveston finished strongly for Rodi Greene to snatch victory close home.

This was a welcome tonic for the winning trainer, Paul Nicholls, and particularly for his wife, Bridget, whose parents, John and Becky Brackenbury, are currently in Musgrove Park Hospital near Taunton after injuries sustained when the stable horsebox bringing Its Nearly Time home from Newbury overturned in the contraflow system on the M5.

"We're going to call and see them on the way back home," said the trainer. "John has got a broken left arm and Becky has internal injuries."

At the final declaration stage for The Ladbroke, 27 runners were left in Ireland's richest handicap hurdle. King Credo, Sanndila and Reza Khan were withdrawn.

Breeders seek BHB seat

A DIRECT voice for the breeding industry on the British Horseracing Board (BHB) was called for by David Gibson, president of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA), at its annual general meeting in London yesterday.

Lord Swaythling was the TBA's nominee on the board, but was elected by the Horseracing Advisory Council.

Gibson said: "We are fortunate our nominee was elected, but that may not always be the case. We support the concept that neither the Jockey Club, owners, racecourses nor the industry committee's nominees are elected to pursue any partisan interest.

"Once the board becomes more concerned with spending than raising revenue, sectional interests may come to the fore. It is then imperative our viewpoint is understood."

Winner is backed from 100-1

ONE of the most spectacular gambles seen on an Irish racecourse in recent years was landed at Punchestown yesterday when Big Ben Dun, backed in places at 100-1, romped home as 3-1 favourite (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

The seven-year-old, trained under permit by co. Clare farmer John O'Neill, was a maiden under every code and carried bottom weight in the Carrick Hill Handicap Chase.

But, always prominent, Big Ben Dun took it up, under Sean O'Donovan, four out to win by ten lengths, leading layers having accomodated him at all rates down from 100-1.

The meeting had opened with a dream Irish debut for American amateur Keith O'Brien aboard his uncle Michael's Near Miss in the Mares' Maiden Hurdle.

The 24-year-old, who has ridden 11 winners in the United States, is in Ireland on a month's working holiday.

His father, Belmont trainer Leo O'Brien, is best known in Europe for saddling Fourstars Allstar to plunder the 1991 Irish 2,000 Guineas.

Claxton Greene to confirm early Chepstow promise

CLAXTON Greene can follow up his recent Chepstow victory in an intriguing clash with the equally promising Askinfarney in the King's Liverpool Regiment Novices' Chase at Towcester this afternoon.

Claxton Greene, bought by trainer Martin Pipe for 16,500gns on the strength of an impressive point-to-point record, jumped soundly at the Welsh course and came home clear of Thamesdown Tootsie, the only other finisher.

The misfortune of others in the race should not cloud the fact that he was always in command, and there is every prospect of his improving further for the experience.

However, he faces a formidable opponent in Askinfarney, who made a successful seasonal debut over course and distance in November when beating the smart staying novice Light Veneer by a length and a half.

Admittedly, Light Veneer had to concede 9lb that day, but it remains a creditable effort, and Askinfarney has since finished a good third to Travelling Wrong and Camelot Knight in a competitive race at Cheltenham. He will certainly test Claxton Greene.

However, for the nap I

MANDARIN

prefer the Josh Gifford-trained **Martin's Lamp** in the EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle Qualifier. A National Hunt flat race winner last term, he made an impressive hurdling debut when beating Cool Clown — placed in good races since — over this course and distance in November.

He was not disgraced when, facing a stiff task under a big weight, he was sixth to Big



Gifford: good chance for Martin's Lamp

Beat in a hot Sandown handicap next time.

This looks a better opportunity for him and he can take care of Royal Flamingo, the 50-1 winner of a minor race here last month, and Dependable, who was third to Couldnt Be Better at Lingfield last time.

The dour stayer Bit Of A Clown is a standing dish here at Towcester and should once more give a good account of himself, but he had to work hard to edge out Direct here last month and is now 2lb higher in the handicap.

I oppose him with **Rymer King**, who showed he still has something to offer with a fair sixth to Stirrup Cup at Nottingham on his reappearance. He was a respectable fourth to Gambling Royal here last season and has now begun to slip down the handicap.

At Edinburgh, Jimmy Fitzgerald can complete a double with the former Cesarewitch winner **Trainglot** (12.30) and the front-running **Newlands-General** (1.00).

Dizzy's second to the comfortable winner Frickley at Ayr last weekend suggests she could be the answer to a highly competitive race for the Broughton Handicap Hurdle.

[Towcester]

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
12.40 Beauchamp Grace.	12.40 Beauchamp Grace.
1.10 Claxton Greene.	1.10 **CLAXTON GREENE** (nap).
1.40 Champagne Run.	1.40 Mick's Tycoon.
2.10 Rymer King.	2.10 Bit Of A Clown.
2.40 **MARTIN'S LAMP** (nap).	2.40 Martin's Lamp.
3.10 Alkinor Rex.	3.10 The Green Stuff.
3.40 Race To The Rhythm.	3.40 Arctic Red.

RICHARD EVANS: 12.40 **BEAUCHAMP GRACE** (nap). 2.40 Martin's Lamp. 3.10 Alkinor Rex.

GOING: HEAVY SIS

12.40 KING'S AFRICAN RIFLES NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,480: 2m) (10 runners)

1 1 BEAUCHAMP GRACE 28 (S) (Million In Mind Partners) D Nicholson 10-12 R Dunwoody [top]
2 53 KLINGON 20 (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 10-10 G Lyons 87
3 VIARDOT 189F (Shaikh Ahmad bin Saeed Al Maktoum) M Pipe 10-10 P Scudamore –
4 ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 486F (G Chipman) B McMahon 10-5 T Wall –
5 540 ALTERNATION 28 (D Wade-Jones) J Webber 10-5 M Lynch 74
6 0 BUCK COMTESS 24 (G Pames) J Jenkins 10-5 M Ahern –
7 5 CAPPAHOOSH 43 (Mrs P Butler) H Collingridge 10-5 V Smith –
8 ELIZABETHAN AIR 141F (The Forgers) A Chamberlain 10-5 B Powell –
9 0 SPEEDO MOVEMENT 20 (Mrs Y Lin) B McMahon 10-5 A Maguire –
10 U SULAAH ROSE 94F (J Holme) Mrs J Jordan 10-5 M Sharratt –

BETTING: 4-5 Beauchamp Grace, 9-4 Viardot, 10-1 Klingon, 12-1 Alternation, 14-1 Speedo Movement, 16-1 Cappahoosh, Absolutley Foxed, 20-1 others.

1992: LUKE'S BRAVE BOY 10-3 P Hide (14-1) A Hide 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEAUCHAMP GRACE beat Robingo 6l in 15-runner Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft) novice hurdle with ALTERNATION well beaten 9th. KLINGON 26l 3rd of 21 to Indian Quest in Nottingham (2m, soft) novice hurdle with SPEEDO MOVEMENT 12l 7th. VIARDOT useful 1m 2f winner on Flat. Beat Arsenal 3l in 3-runner Haydock (1m 2f 130yd, good) stakes race in May. BUCK COMTESS, 1m 2f winner on the Flat in France, 43l 9th of 15 to Second Call in Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft) novice hurdle. ELIZABETHAN AIR fair 1m handicapper on Flat, including 5¾l 3rd of 12 to Buzzards Bellbuoy in Yarmouth (1m, good to soft) handicap. Selection: BEAUCHAMP GRACE (nap)

1.10 KING'S LIVERPOOL REGIMENT NOVICES CHASE
(£3,418: 3m 1f) (10 runners)

1 0-13 ASKINFARNEY 28 (CD,S) (A Cohen) J Upson 6-11-6 R Supple 92
2 1 CLAXTON GREENE 11 (S) (Mrs M Bisgrove) M Pipe 9-11-6 P Scudamore [top]
3 2-2U125 CYTHERE 27 (S) (K Carr) J Gifford 9-11-5 P Hide (7) 87
4 05-0UP BALLY PARSON 69 (G Hatsby) J Chugg 7-11-0 W Humphreys –
5 4P0/P4P NELSAC 3 (G Molen) G Ham 9-11-0 B Powell –
6 0/4U SANSMOSS 7 (J Brown) D Nicholson 8-11-0 W Marston (5) –
7 P00-PF TITUS ANDRONICUS 22 (J Bellingal) N Gaselee 6-11-0 J R Kavanagh –
8 200F3F TRAVAIL TEMPORAIRE 20 (Travail Employment) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-0 D Bridgwater 82
9 F0P-0P2 YOUNG MINER 20 (S) (Mrs T McInnes Skinner) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 7-11-0 G Upton 95
10 S0-F3 MIGHTY FROLIC 24 (M Pinto) M McCormack 6-10-9 Mr C Burnett-Wells (5) 91

BETTING: 5-4 Claxton Greene, 2-1 Askinfarney, 6-1 Cythere, 10-1 Mighty Frolic, Young Miner, 16-1 Bally Parson, 20-1 others.

1992: MISTER TICKLE 7-11-6 C Llewellyn (4-1) N Twiston-Davies 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASKINFARNEY 9½l 3rd of 21 to Travelling Wrong in Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, soft) novice chase. Previously beat useful Light Veneer 1½l in 16-runner novice chase over course and distance (soft) with NELSAC pulled up. CLAXTON GREENE, multiple point-to-point winner, beat Thamesdown Tootsie 20l in 12-runner Chepstow (3m, soft) novice chase. CYTHERE short head 2nd of 12 to Overtheroover there in novice chase over course and distance (soft) on penultimate start with YOUNG MINER 25l 7th. YOUNG MINER 4l 2nd of 10 to Light Veneer in Nottingham (3m 110yd, soft) novice chase. MIGHTY FROLIC 4½l 3rd of 8 to Latterlore in Folkestone (2m 5f, good to soft) novice chase. Selection: ASKINFARNEY

1.40 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MILITIA CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,107: 2m 5f) (18 runners)

1 3624-P4 VOMERO 13 (M Disney) P Nicholls 8-11-10 R Greene 85
2 630P20 CHAMPAGNE RUN 23 (B,D,F,G) (T Connor) W G M Turner 8-11-10 A Procter 98
3 052131 MICK'S TYCOON 24 (V,G,S) (Mrs M Holleran) M Pipe 5-11-5 M Foster 97
4 F26-054 MARCH ABOVE 24 (B,G) (Red House Racing) B Stevens 7-11-1 M Stevens (5) [top]
5 440/3-3 TROPICAL ACE 24 (R Hendry) R Voorspuy 6-10-12 D O'Sullivan 85
6 6-F0423 GREEN'S THORBURN 34 (Mrs R Barrow) A Moore 5-10-12 J Clarke (3) 98
7 355-056 FORCELLO 25 (B,S) (F Hollis) F Hollis 10-10-11 D Salter (3) 96
8 150050 CLARE LAD 11 (B,F,G,S) (Travail Employment Group Ltd) D Wintle 10-10-10 R Davis 97
9 604-PP RELTIC 23 (Mrs D Hogben) C Broad 6-10-7 A Flannigan (3) 94
10 25-524P FURRYVALE 167 (Wainbody Estates) C Trietline 8-10-6 J Pratt (7) 82
11 044-046 BORRETO 23 (C James) C James 9-10-5 I Williams (7) 84
12 25250/5 MECADO 23 (Maltsword Ltd) F Yardley 8-10-1 B Clifford 85
13 0445 CAPTAIN BARNEY 21 (B) (Miss C McAuley) J Long 10-10-0 Leesa Long (3) 88
14 P6-6552 PRINCE VALMY 25 (Mrs S Hooper) N Ayliffe 8-10-0 S Fox (5) 96
15 P4F5-60 STONE MADNESS 24 (G,S) (Mrs G Davison) A Davison 9-10-0 W Marston –
16 00-P000 MASTER PLAN 52 (Miss V Haigh) D Williams 7-10-0 D Meade (5) –
17 /6F0P-0 MY SON JOHN 25 (Mrs S Graves) J Peacock 10-10-0 J Good (7) –
18 P-F4 ROSATEEN 22 (B) (R Fox) R Juckes 5-10-0 N Juckes (7) –

Long handicap: Prince Valmy 9-13, Stone Madness 9-12, Master Plan 9-10, My Son John 9-5, Rosateen 8-12.

BETTING: 3-1 Mick's Tycoon, 5-1 March Above, 6-1 Tropical Ace, 8-1 Forcello, Mecado, 10-1 Champagne Run, Clare Lad, 12-1 Furryvale, 14-1 others.

1992: ONE TO NOTE 8-10-0 S Fox (6-4 fav) M Muggeridge 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

VOMERO 18¾l 4th of 13 to Beauchamp Express in Newton Abbot (2m 6f, heavy) novice handicap hurdle. CHAMPAGNE LAD ½l 2nd of 9 to Manhattan Boy in Plumpton (2m 1f, soft) conditional jockeys' selling handicap hurdle.
MICK'S TYCOON beat Charlie's Darling ½l in 8-runner Folkestone (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft) selling handicap hurdle with TROPICAL ACE (2lb better off) 6l 3rd and MARCH ABOVE (7lb better off) 8l 4th. GREEN'S THORBURN 7¾l 3rd of 7 to The Black Monk in Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) selling hurdle. PRINCE VALMY neck 2nd of 10 to Feesoorie in Newton Abbot (2m 1f, soft) selling handicap hurdle with CLARE LAD (7lb better off) 15l 5th and FORCELLO (15lb better off) 34l 6th. Selection: CHAMPAGNE LAD

2.10 ROYAL FLYING CORPS HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,240: 2m 6f) (11 runners)

1 5313-11 GOODSHOT RICH 27 (B,S) (Mrs S Towler) C Brooks 9-11-10 G Bradley 98
2 3/4U43-6 RYMER KING 20 (F,G,S) (G Husby) J Chugg 11-11-8 D Bridgwater 88
3 42-31U1 BIT OF A CLOWN 22 (CD,F,G,S) (J Sumner) Mrs I McKie 10-10-13 L Harvey 98
4 U212-P2 BRIEF ENCOUNTER 52 (G,S) (C Leeds) P Nicholls 9-10-7 M A Fitzgerald 95
5 43453P- PUKKA MAJOR 263 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Thomson Jones) T Thomson Jones 12-10-5 A Tory [top]
6 12-1035 SAM SHORROCK 34 (C,B,G) (D Travers-Clark) G Thorner 11-10-4 R Farrant (5) 90
7 P4/11-5P THE MOSSES 64 (F,S) (Lord Leverhulme) T Forster 8-10-0 H Davies 91
8 1F-32P2 GLADTOGETIT 7 (D,G) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 7-10-0 A Maguire 95
9 /32PP/5 CLASSEY BOY 25 (S) (A Kaplan) G Ham 10-10-0 B Powell –
10 P/14/PP- PADDY'S DREAM 282 (F,G) (Miss P O'Connor) Miss P O'Connor 13-10-0 W McFarland –
11 PP006-P LARKSMORE 27 (C,F) (Miss D Baker) Miss D Baker 8-10-0 T Wall 70

Long handicap: Gladtogetit 9-12, Classey Boy 9-10, Paddy's Dream 9-3, Larksmore 9-3.

BETTING: 11-4 Goodshot Rich, 7-2 Bit Of A Clown, 9-2 Brief Encounter, 6-1 Rymer King, 8-1 The Mosses, 10-1 Gladtogetit, Sam Shorrock, 12-1 others.

1992: MELICUS 7-10-3 M Richards (10-1) C Egerton 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOODSHOT RICH completed double when beating Mister Hartigan 8l in 9-runner Lingfield (3m, soft) handicap chase. BIT OF A CLOWN beat Direct ½l in 10-runner handicap chase over course and distance (soft). BRIEF ENCOUNTER 5l 2nd of 10 to Buddington in Newton Abbot (3m 2f 110yd, heavy) handicap chase. GLADTOGETIT 1l 2nd of 19 to Avonburn in Windsor (2m 5f, good to soft) handicap chase. Selection: BIT OF A CLOWN

2.40 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,757: 2m) (18 runners)

1 1-16 MARTIN'S LAMP 34 (CD,BF,G,S) (Mrs S Welch) J Gifford 6-11-6 D Murphy 97
2 BATHWICK BOBBIE (W Clifford) A Tornell 6-11-0 S McNeill –
3 0-6 BILBO BAGGINS 49 (P Bancroft) Miss J Pitman 5-11-0 M Pitman –
4 10-23 BILLY BORU 34 (S) (P Colman) A Davison 5-11-0 D Gallagher –
5 0 CARABUCK 59 (Renfold Racing Club) R Rowe 6-11-0 T Grantham –
6 0-30 CAWARRA BOY 34 (Mrs M Kenyon Holden) C James 5-11-6 G Upton –
7 22-3 DEEPENDABLE 18 (Mrs P Shearwood) N Henderson 6-11-0 R Dunwoody [top]
8 30- GREY HUSSAR 289 (Lord Plummer) N Henderson 7-11-0 J R Kavanagh 81
9 MARCH LANE (Lady Lyell) J Webber 6-11-0 M Lynch –
10 0/00P- MR MULKEEN 223 (T Mulkeen) G Jones 6-11-0 Mr C Campbell (7) –
11 0300/0-1 ROYAL FLAMINGO 22 (CD,S) (Miss N Myburgh) G Bravery 7-11-0 R J Beggan 95
12 05 SMOKEBRIDGE GRAS 37 (Miss J Hodgkinson) W G M Turner 6-11-0 P Holley –
13 STORMY FASHION (M Pinto) M McCormack 6-11-0 T Lawrence –
14 0-4 WREKIN COLLEGE 22 (Mrs D Bromley) D Gandolfo 5-11-0 A Maguire –
15 00-P ASCOT DELPHINIUM 22 (J Berry) J Webber 6-10-9 R Bellamy –
16 0P BERRY'S SKY LARK 66 (T Roberts-Hindle) F Jordan 6-10-9 J Lodder –
17 00/0 SUPREME KNIGHT 37 (R Harper) R Harper 6-10-9 D Barry (7) –
18 U SUROT 72 (J Addison) Mrs J Jordan 7-10-9 M Sharratt –

BETTING: 6-4 Martin's Lamp, 7-2 Deependable, 5-1 Royal Flamingo, 10-1 Bathwick Bobbie, Carabuck, 12-1 others.

1992: MIGHTY MOGUL 5-11-0 M Pitman (1-2 fav) Mrs J Pitman 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

MARTIN'S LAMP comfortably beat Cool Clown 5l in 17-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (soft). DEEPENDABLE 4l 3rd of 9 to Couldnt Be Better in Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy) novice hurdle. ROYAL FLAMINGO beat Benjamin 1½l in 10-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (soft). WREKIN COLLEGE 38l 4th of 8 to Irish Bay in novice hurdle over course and distance (soft). Selection: MARTIN'S LAMP

3.10 QUEENS OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDER HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,427: 2m 110yd) (5 runners)

1 1P1-F21 ALKINOR REX 22 (CD,G,S) (M Paradicos) G Harwood 8-11-13 M Perrett 95
2 /22/P/F THE DRAGON MASTER 4 (CD,F,G,S) (R W-Cohen) R Waley-Cohen 11-11-7 M Lynch –
3 FPP-641 DEVIL'S VALLEY 24 (B,D,S) (Mrs A Gahagan) R Rowe 10-11-5 L Dace (7) 98
4 310P2-1 THE GREEN STUFF 18 (D,F,G,S) (J Upson) J Upson 8-10-10 R Supple 90
5 PFP-32P HALF BROTHER 35 (D,G,S) (P Bonner) Mrs J Pitman 11-10-10 M Pitman [top]

BETTING: 5-4 Alkinor Rex, 2-1 The Green Stuff, 5-1 Devil's Valley, 12-1 The Dragon Master, 14-1 Half Brother.

1992: M I BABE 7-11-7 R J Beggan (2-1) Mrs I McKie 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALKINOR REX comfortably beat Radical Request 15l in 6-runner handicap chase over course and distance (soft). DEVIL'S VALLEY beat Secret Rite 6l in 6-runner Folkestone (2m, good to soft) conditional jockeys' handicap chase. THE GREEN STUFF beat Plastic Spaceage neck in 3-runner Lingfield (2m, heavy) handicap chase. HALF BROTHER 10l 2nd of 3 to Sacre D'Or in Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) handicap chase. Selection: ALKINOR REX

3.40 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£2,219: 2m) (18 runners)

1 ARCTIC RED (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 6-11-7 W Marston (5) –
2 0 BENGAZEE 4 (D Hudd) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 V Slattery (5) –
3 5 BUCKSHOT 31 (B Wootton) C Williams 5-11-7 Mr M Armytage –
4 CALLYR (M Davies) R Brazington 6-11-7 D Meredith (5) –
5 40 CROSA'S DELIGHT 27 (S Jones) A Jones 6-11-7 J Cooke (7) –
6 DUNEPRE (Mrs J Murray Smith) D Murray Smith 5-11-7 James McCabe –
7 MR PICKPOCKET (Mrs J Foster) J Akehurst 5-11-7 J McCarthy (7) –
8 ROSE KING (M Pinto) J Gifford 6-11-7 Mr C Burnett-Wells (5) –
9 32 SEA PATROL 34 (A White) M Pipe 6-11-7 M Foster –
10 3 SWAHILI RUN 25 (Gallagher Enterprises Ltd) M Pipe 5-11-7 D Richmond (5) –
11 TRYING AGAIN (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 5-11-7 M O'Reilly (7) –
12 4 DILLEACHTA 52 (D Barry) D Nicholson 6-11-2 Mr T Jenks (7) –
13 ESS EL AR (Steve Dilley Racing Ltd) M Pipe 5-11-2 L Reynolds (7) –
14 0- LADY OF STRATTON 406 (A Shenston) B Stevens 6-11-2 M Stevens (7) –
15 PENNANT COTTAGE (P Woolley) P Evans 5-11-2 B Clifford (5) –
16 0-3 RACE TO THE RHYTHM 28 (Race Transmission Ltd) J Edwards 6-11-2 R Farrant (5) –
17 DIAMOND PROSPECTOR (M Stetson) A Hide 4-10-9 P Hide (7) –
18 JUST ROSIE (R Barry) T Kaddy 4-10-4 L O'Hare (7) –

BETTING: 11-4 Swahili Run, 3-1 Sea Patrol, 5-1 Dilleachta, 6-1 Arctic Red, 7-1 Race To The Rhythm, 10-1 others.

1992: BILLY BORU 4-10-10 J R Kavanagh (8-1) A Davison 17 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Harwood	3	4	75.0	M Pitman	9	28	32.1
Mrs J Pitman	11	44	25.0	M Perrett	6	20	30.0
N Henderson	12	50	24.0	R J Beggan	10	49	20.4
Mrs I McKie	14	66	21.2	A Tory	3	16	18.8
N Gaselee	7	34	20.6	W Marston	3	17	17.6
C Brooks	4	23	17.4	P Scudamore	7	40	17.5

EDINBURGH

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
12.30 Trainglot.	12.30 Kadari.
1.00 Newlands-General.	1.00 Newlands-General.
1.30 Dizzy.	1.30 Dizzy.
2.00 Rare Fire.	2.00 Stated Case.
2.30 Seagull Hollow.	2.30 Kalko.
3.00 Tresidder.	3.00 Spree Cross.
3.30 Ring Corbitts.	3.30 Just Molly.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 NEWLANDS-GENERAL.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM PATCHES ON CHASE COURSE) SIS

12.30 LOTHIANS RACING SYNDICATE MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,050: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1 6 ATTADALE 20 (C McGhie) L Lungo 5-11-10 T Reed 88
2 5 BENNAN MARCH 6 (B O'Kane) P Monteith 6-11-10 B Storey 94
3 3 BLANC SEING 22 (BF) (J Chester) M W Easterby 6-11-10 L Wyer 98
4 6-00004 CAPTAIN TEACH 27 (P Monteith) P Monteith 7-11-10 M Moloney 63
5 0-F6825 JIM-JOE 39 (N Mason) N Mason 8-11-10 J Supple (7) –
6 60 MR WESTCLIFF 32 (T West) Denys Smith 5-11-10 P Waggott (7) –
7 50P NOTARIUS 31 (J Wade) J Wade 5-11-10 D Ryan (7) –
8 3/PP SCOTTISH FLING 21 (E Ruddock) P Beaumont 9-11-10 P A Farrell –
9 0/P20/ SELF IMPORTANT 603 (Mrs J McFadyen-Murray) D Nolan 8-11-10 D Nolan –
10 2P2-3 TRAINGLOT 41 (BF) (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-10 M Dwyer [top]
11 082P4-0 TRICYCLING 6 (J Doyle) P Monteith 5-11-10 P Williams (7) 89
12 32-04 WISHING GATE 27 (D Backie) M Hammond 5-11-10 C Grant 76
13 0-00 CHICKABIDDY 6 (J Prideaux) J Oliver 5-11-5 T Thompson (7) –
14 00 SAXON FAIR 34 (A Milner) Mrs V Aconley 4-10-11 P Midgley (5) –
15 2 KADARI 11 (J Rostas) A Harrison 4-10-6 J Callaghan 97

BETTING: 5-4 Trainglot, 3-1 Kadari, 4-1 Blanc Seing, 8-1 Wishing Gate, 12-1 Attadale, 14-1 Bennan March, 16-1 Captain Teach, Tricycling, 20-1 Jim-Joe, 33-1 others.

1992: BEAUMOOD 6-11-10 G McCourt (7-2) C Tinkler 14 ran

1.00 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT TAMEROSIA SERIES NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,450: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1 356PP1 ITYFUL 32 (V,CD,G) (D Lennox) B Wilkinson 7-11-10 C Grant 86
2 5FF-60 CLASSIC MINSTREL 57 (T Hardie) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-6 P Williams (7) 73
3 3 DEVONGALE 34 (V Ogden) Mrs H Bell 7-11-6 Mrs A Farrell 87
4 PP-3440 MUIRFIELD 6 (J Oliver) J Oliver 7-11-6 A Orkney 72
5 35/11-2 NEWLANDS-GENERAL 35 (BF,G,S) (J FitzGerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11 6 M Dwyer [top]
6 0/0 NO REPLY 31 (V Ogden) Mrs H Bell 7-11-6 L Wyer –
7 00130-0 SHUIL SAOR 70 (F) (Wild Acres Holdings Ltd) Mrs S Smith 6-11-6 J Callaghan –
8 234/53 STRONG FANCY 11 (G) (Northumbria Leisure Ltd) S Kettlewell 10-11 6 R Garritty 85
9 F2/B054 DISTANT CHERRY 27 (V) (H Hogarth) D Lee 8-11-1 B Storey 62

BETTING: 1-3 Newlands General, 6-1 Ityful, 8-1 Strong Fancy, 14-1 Devongale, 20-1 Classic Minstrel, Muirfield, 25-1 Shuil Sailor, 33-1 Distant Cherry, No Reply

1992: FLIGHT HILL 8-11-12 P Niven (4-5 fav) Mrs M Reveley 7 ran

1.30 BROUGHTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,211: 2m) (17 runners)

1 003132- SRIVIJAYA 226 (D,F,G) (K Holder) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-13 R Hodge 99
2 111-582 DIZZY 6 (CD,G,S) (W Monteith) P Monteith 5-11-13 M Moloney 97
3 060F-13 KNIGHTS 27 (G) (P Gormley) C Broad 7-11-8 Jacqui Oliver 93
4 211114- GYMCRAK SOVEREIGN 276 (D,S) (Gymcrak Racing III) M H Easterby 5-11-8 R Garritty [top]
5 2/2460-0 SOUTER'S HILL 6 (CD,G) (I Anderson) T Craig 6-11-5 C Hawkins 88
6 651RR-5 AMOUR ROYAL 37 (B,D,S) (Albury Racing Ltd) Denys Smith 6-11 5 C Grant 92
7 12/53 AS D'EBOLI 29 (D,F) (N Jackson) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-2 M Dwyer 87
8 P5-5452 WEST WITH THE WIND 22 (D,F,G) (A Watson) M Dods 6-11-1 B Storey 92
9 66-2032 EDDIE WALSHE 55 (D,F) (Mrs S Clarke) D Moffatt 8-11-1 D J Moffatt (5) 91
10 1F3-246 TV PITCH 27 (D,F) (D Lee) D Lee 5-10-11 W Dwan (5) 93
11 1260-54 TOP VILLAIN 21 (D,F) (R Frost) B Rothwell 7-10-9 L Wyer 95
12 4101U-0 EASBY MANDRINA 22 (D,G,S) (A Williams) S Kettlewell 6-10-8 N Bentley (3) 95
13 443543 FAMILY LINE 6 (D,G,S) (J Richard) Miss L Perratt 5-10-6 L O'Hara 98
14 023446- SET THE STANDARDS 255 (D,F) (A Whillans) A Whillans 5 10-4 G Thomson (7) 96
15 6/0016-0 LOCHEART LADY 8 (G) (W Lofthouse) A Stringer 6-10-1 J Callaghan 86
16 143/0 PALMAS PRIDE 22 (D,G) (Palmas Pride Partnership) M Hammond 6-10 1 D Bentley (5) –
17 20008-0 KAMART 21 (G Campbell) M Barnes 5-10-0 N Leach (7) 73

Long handicap: Kamart 8-5.

BETTING: 7-2 Dizzy, 5-1 Gymcrak Sovereign, Srivijaya, 6-1 Knights, 10-1 Family Line, TV Pitch, 12-1 Easby Mandrina, West With The Wind, 14-1 Top Villain, 16-1 As D'Eboli, 20-1 others.

1992: BALLYLORD 8-9-7 A Dobbin (7-4) J J O'Neill 5 ran

2.00 AUCHENGRAY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,294: 3m) (13 runners)

1 1-4F412 BREAK THE CHAIN 22 (F,G,S) (Mrs A Brown) P Cheesbrough 8-11-11 Mr A Thornton (5) 90
2 30U/522 EASTERN OASIS 90 (F,G,S) (J Andrews) J Andrews 10-11-7 P Williams (7) –
3 3-21B14 INTO THE TREES 62 (D,BF,F,S) (R Tate) R Tate 9-11-7 Mrs F Needham 92
4 031P6-P STATED CASE 31 (B,G,S) (Gymcrak Racing III) M H Easterby 8-11-5 L Wyer 91
5 1-21202 ROSE TABLEAU 31 (F,S) (Mrs H Wells) J J O'Neill 10-10-13 James Jones (3) 85
6 P1-2241 THE YANK 27 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs A Kane) M Hammond 7-10-13 B Storey 95
7 4P/3-133 RARE FIRE 46 (BF,G) (Mrs J Askew) Mrs M Reveley 9-10-9 J Codd (7) 96
8 405556 CELTIC BREEZE 21 (V,G,S) (H Gebbing) M Naughton 10-10-5 C Grant –
9 05P-UF4 GINGER PINK 41 (A Walton) J Johnson 7-10-5 Mr N Wilson –
10 PF642P CELTIC WATERS 8 (Mrs D Thomson) Mrs D Thomson 8-10-5 C Dennis (3) [top]
11 00P0/P VERY CHEERING 30 (T Brown) Mrs S Smith 10-10-3 A Orkney –
12 133/PP MISS TIMBER TOPPER 21 (F) (B Riley & Son Ltd) Mrs V Aconley 9 10-3 C Woodall (7) –
13 P/5P546 OUR SURVIVOR 21 (B,F) (P Simpson) M W Easterby 9-10-3 Mr S Walker (7) 95

BETTING: 7-2 Break The Chain, 4-1 The Yank, 5-1 Rose Tableau, 6-1 Eastern Oasis, 8-1 Rare Fire, Stated Case, 10-1 Celtic Breeze, Into The Trees, 20-1 others.

1992: PORTAVOGIE 8-11-5 B Storey (5-2 fav) C Parker 6 ran

2.30 HARCROS SCOTTISH JUVENILE HURDLE
(Qualifier: 4-Y-O: £1,955: 2m) (13 runners)

1 13 BATABANOO 41 (D,BF,S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 11-9 M Dwyer [top]
2 0311 SEAGULL HOLLOW 34 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Mountfield) M H Easterby 11-9 L Wyer 98
3 3F0 FORT RUN 41 (N Mason) N Mason 11-0 J Supple (7) 84
4 HANDSOME GENT 73F (Mrs S Hawkins) L Lungo 11-0 T Reed –
5 56 JOHN NAMAN 38 (P Monteith) P Monteith 11-0 M Moloney –
6 3 KALKO 11 (M Willan) M Hammond 11-0 A Orkney 93
7 0 MEDIA MESSENGER 48 (Lord Lambton) Denys Smith 11-0 C Grant –
8 U00 ROLLING THE BONES 11 (M Hyman) M Naughton 11-0 C Dennis (3) 77
9 SHADANZA 92F (B Grainger) A Stringer 11-0 R Garritty –
10 353 STRAW THATCH 32 (B) (D McKenzie) R Allan 11-0 B Storey 95
11 0P FELSINA 48 (Mrs B Storey) W Storey 10-9 K Doolan –
12 0 RAVECINO 32 (J Haldane) J Haldane 10-9 N Leach (7) 78
13 0 WINSOME GRAIN 6 (Lightbody of Hamilton Ltd) Miss L Perratt 10-9 L O'Hara –

BETTING: 6-4 Batabanoo, 7-4 Seagull Hollow, 5-1 Kalko, 10-1 Straw Thatch, 12-1 Handsome Gent, 16-1 Rolling The Bones, 20-1 Shadanza, Winsome Grain, 25-1 Ravecino, 33-1 others.

1992: GOOD PROFILE 11-9 M Dwyer (1-10 fav) G Moore 7 ran

3.00 PATHEAD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,262: 2m) (13 runners)

1 21-3563 TRESIDDER 48 (D,F,G,S) (S Brewer) M W Easterby 11-12-0 James Jones 89
2 1P1F24- ISLAND JETSETTER 286 (D,F,G,S) (N Wilby) Mrs S Smith 7-11-13 N Bentley 84
3 4-1F512 SPREE CROSS 28 (D,BF,G,S) (P Piller) P Cheesbrough 7-11-12 A Larnach 95
4 31S-311 MEGA BLUE 28 (D,G,S) (T Yates) Mrs V Aconley 8-11-8 C Woodall 90
5 3F3314 MASTER SALESMAN 27 (CD,F,G) (Mrs B Bill) B Rothwell 10-11-2 B Cahill (4) 88
6 P-24F42 SONSIE MO 27 (D,F,G) (T Hardie) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-11 P Williams 91
7 5-14113 CLARES OWN 27 (D,F,S) (J Wade) J Wade 9-10-7 D Bentley 90
8 224413 POSITIVE ACTION 21 (D,F,S) (G Campbell) M Barnes 7-10-7 N Leach [top]

BETTING: 7-4 Mega Blue, 3-1 Spree Cross, 5-1 Positive Action, Tresidder, 7-1 Clares Own, 12-1 Island Jetsetter, 14-1 Master Salesman, 16-1 Sonsie Mo

1992: PALMRUSH 8-11-10 J Callaghan (Evens fav) C Thornton 3 ran

3.30 FIRST OF MANY NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,736: 2m) (15 runners)

1 6-6 COQUI LANE 55 (J Dun) G Dun 5-11-10 Mr J M Dun –
2 0 CROFT PARK 27 (G Leggott) W Barker 5-11-10 P Williams (7) –
3 DONEGAL STYLE (Mrs A Taylor) J Johnson 5-11-10 Mr N Wilson –
4 8 EXCISE MAN 25 (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 5-11-10 Mr A Robson –
5 34 FOUR DEEP 46 (The Braw Partnership) J Johnson 5-11-10 A Larnach (5) –
6 0 LEARNER DRIVER 27 (R Haggas) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-10 W Dwan (5) –
7 5 MULAWIH 48 (Sunpak Potatoes) Mrs V Aconley 5-11-10 C Woodall (7) –
8 20- RING CORBITTS 258 (Equimame Ltd) D Eddy 5-11-10 Mr A Thornton (5) –
9 6 HIGH PENHOWE 28 (P Aconley) Mrs V Aconley 5-11-5 P Midgley (5) –
10 JUST MOLLY (P Norton) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-5 G Tormey (7) –
11 LINDA'S FEELINGS (T Dyer) T Dyer 5-11-5 R Hodge –
12 BASILICUS (T Hemmings) Mrs S Smith 4-11-0 N Bentley (3) –
13 BROCTUNE BAY (M Bailey) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-0 Mr M Buckley (7) –
14 RALLEGIO (D Low-Mitchell) P Monteith 4-11-0 J Murphy (7) –
15 LINNGATE (J Nelson) L Lungo 4-10-9 F Perratt (7) –

BETTING: 5-2 Broctune Bay, 4-1 Just Molly, Ring Corbitts, 7-1 Four Deep, 10-1 Excise Man, 12-1 High Penhowe, Mulawih, 14-1 Coqui Lane, 16-1 Basilicus, Linngate, 20-1 Rallegio, 25-1 others.

1992: WELLWOTDOUTHINK 6-11-7 R Hodge (1-3 fav) Mrs M Reveley 15 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Naughton	1	2	50.0	M Dwyer	18	56	32.1
F Walton	2	5	40.0	Mr A Thornton	1	4	25.0
Jimmy Fitzgerald	14	42	33.3	A Orkney	9	37	24.3
B Rothwell	2	6	33.3	C Grant	13	55	23.6
J Johnson	6	19	31.6	R Hodge	3	15	20.0
Mrs M Reveley	14	49	28.6	N Bentley	1	5	20.0

Floyd dies on gallops at Epsom

POPULAR hurdler Floyd has died while being prepared for another jumping campaign.

The 13-year-old gelding collapsed while doing light exercise on the gallops at Epsom, where he had recently joined Reg Akehurst.

Until this season Floyd had been trained by David Elsworth, for whom he won 16 races over jumps and three on the Flat, earning almost £200,000.

They included the Fighting Fifth Hurdle twice, and the Long Walk Hurdle. He finished fourth in the 1989 Champion Hurdle.

Front-running Floyd won the hearts of many racing enthusiasts with his battling qualities, typified by his last victory at Ascot in February.

He suffered a tendon injury and was pulled up in the Rendlesham Hurdle at Kempton the same month, and had not raced since.

Elsworth had been dismayed at owner Mike Walsh's decision to put the horse back into training.

☐ Attempts to stage racing at Market Rasen yesterday ended in failure when fog and freezing conditions forced the abandonment of a meeting that had survived three previous inspections.

SOUTHWELL

MANDARIN
1.20 Postage Stamp. 1.50 Master Sinclair. 2.20 East Barns. 2.50 Appledorn. 3.20 Miss Gorgeous. 3.50 Tendresse.

THUNDERER
1.20 Postage Stamp. 1.50 Aragon King. 2.20 Juvenara. 2.50 Appledorn. 3.20 Special Risk. 3.50 Sharp Thistle.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.20 BOLSOVER & SHIREBROOK HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £2,553: 1m 6f) (12 runners)

1 5/20- POSTAGE STAMP 13J (C,F) J Pearce 6-11-7 Mrs L Pearce 5
2 0006- HONEY DANCER 259 (D,F,S) Miss A Whitfield 9-11-0 Mrs F Whitfield (5) 2
3 102- CATHOS 34J (C,F,G,S) D Wilson 8-10-6 Miss E Bronson 8
4 00-4 SUGEMAR 7 (F) M Chapman 7-10-5 M Chapman (5) 8
5 62-5 CONTINUITY 7 E Alston 4-10-4 Miss I Diana W Jones 9
6 264- COSMIC FUTURE 20J (F) S Woods 4-9-13 Miss L Hide (5) 10
7 23/0- LEGAL WIN 97J (F) M Usher 5-9-11 G Shenkin (5) 1
8 00-0 IRISH NATIVE 7 (V,F) C Smith 5-9-11 Miss D Smith (5) 9
9 0/65/ QUELLE CHEMISE 716J G Yardley 7-9-8 Miss A Yardley (5) 7
10 0/06- BEDOUIN PRINCE 278J (C) B Richmond 6-9-8 Mrs M Morris (5) 11
11 0204- MILLY BLACK 7J J Akehurst 5-9-6 Mrs J Gault (5) 12
12 /000/ FAR DARA 969 N Bycroft 7-9-0 Miss A Bycroft (5) 4

9-4 Cathos, 7-2 Continuity, 5-1 Postage Stamp, 6-1 Milly Black, 8-1 Cosmic Future, Sugemar, 12-1 Honey Dancer, 14-1 others.

1.50 CLIPSTON & THORESBY CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,322: 1m) (5)

1 5- ARAGON KING 17 Miss Gay Kelleway 9-3 Gay Kelleway 1
2 53-3 MASTER SINCLAIR 7 (B,C,G) R Hollinshead 8-9 A Garth (5) 2
3 24- DIAMOND POINT 11 M Prescott 8-3 C Nutter 3
4 600- DORAZINE 102 C Hill 8-2 J Quinn 5
5 0- WITCHWAY NORTH 81 M Camacho 7-10 L Charnock 4

Evens Diamond Point, 6-4 Master Sinclair, 7-1 Aragon King, 10-1 Dorazine, 20-1 Witchway North.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss A Whitfield, 5 winners from 17 runners, 29.4%; D A Wilson, 4 from 15, 26.7%; T Barron, 58 from 246, 23.6%; W O'Gorman, 32 from 155, 20.6%; J Pearce, 8 from 39, 20.5%; M Bell, 10 from 55, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: Miss E Bronson, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; Alex Greaves, 56 from 211, 26.5%; V A Halliday, 3 from 17, 17.6%; Emma O'Gorman, 25 from 154, 16.2%; M Humphries, 6 from 38, 15.8%, C Nutter, 4 from 26, 15.4%.

Blinkered first time: Southwell: 1.50 Master Sinclair.

2.20 RUFFORD, ANNESLEY & SILVERHILL HANDICAP (£2,322: 1m) (6)

1 644- MAJAL 87 (F) J Wainwright 4-10-0 D Nicholls 4
2 052- HAWAII STORM 24 (CD,S) Miss A Whitfield 5-9-11 A Tucker (3) 6
3 11-4 EAST BARNS 4 (B,CD,F) T Barron 5-8-13 V Halliday (7) 2
4 006-0 SHANNON EXPRESS 4 (B,CD,F) E Alston 6-8-11 J Quinn 1
5 000- BOROCAY 87 M Camacho 5-7-12 L Charnock 3
6 062- JUVENARA 11 (D,F) C Hill 7-7-9 G Bardwell 5

2-1 East Barns, 5-2 Juvenara, 3-1 Hawaii Storm, 5-1 Majal, 10-1 others.

2.50 WELBECK, HARWORTH & BILSTHORPE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,469: 6f) (9)

1 002- TINO TERE 59 (F,G) J Berry 4-8-12 P Roberts (7) 1
2 000- BOLD HABIT 11 (C,D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 8-8-10 J Carroll 7
3 006- SIR TASKER 11 (C,F,G) J Harris 5-8-10 S D Williams (5) 6
4 316- BOY MARTIN 58 (D,F) S Kettlewell 4-8-6 S Webster 8
5 612- APPLEDORN 24 (CD,F,G) B McMahon 6-8-7 D Biggs 9
6 121- PRETONIC 11 (CD,F,G) M Johnston 5-8-3 T Williams 2
7 060- CUMBRIAN CAVALIER 11 K Wingrove 4-8-2 R Lappin 4
8 021- MISS CALCULATE 24 (CD) J Wilson 5-7-13 J Fanning 5
9 00-5 THE DREAM MAKER 7 (C) Mrs N Macauley 4-7-11 M Humphries (7) 3

9-4 Pretonic, 7-2 Appledorn, 4-1 Tino Tere, 5-1 Miss Calculate, 8-1 Bold Habit, Boy Martin, 12-1 Sir Tasker, 16-1 The Dream Maker, 20-1 Cumbrian Cavalier.

3.20 COTGRAVE & CALVERTON HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,238: 7f) (5)

1 021- BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY 45 (C) M Chapman 9-7 S D Williams (5) 5
2 214- MISS GORGEOUS 11 (C) W O'Gorman 9-0 Emma O'Gorman (3) 4
3 603- MISSED THE BOAT 29 T Barron 8-13 Alex Greaves 3
4 44-3 SPECIAL RISK 7 M Bell 8-10 J D'Dwyer (7) 1
5 00-0 DON'T TELL JEAN 7 N Bycroft 7-8 J Fanning 2

7-4 Miss Gorgeous, 9-4 Special Risk, 3-1 Broadstairs Beauty, 5-1 Missed The Boat, 20-1 Don't Tell Jean.

3.50 OLLERTON & BEVERCOTES HANDICAP
(£2,406: 1m 4f) (7)

1 020- LATOUR 94 (S) Mrs A Swinbank 5-9-10 D Nicholls 1
2 216- TENDRESSE 45 (C,F,S) C Hill 5-9-5 J Quinn 7
3 2/04- SHARP THISTLE 23 (F) W Musson 7-9-2 D McCabe (7) 2
4 5256- SWEET REVIVAL 11 J Glover 5-8-11 Dale Gibson 3
5 020/2 WELL AND TRULY 7 B McMahon 6-8-8 D Biggs 5
6 /360- SWAGMAN 24 (CD) B Richmond 6-8-8 T Williams 4
7 0050- CLEAN SINGER 28J N Bycroft 4-8-0 L Charnock 6

5-2 Tendresse, 3-1 Well And Truly, 7-2 Sharp Thistle, 5-1 Sweet Revival, 6-1 Latour, 12-1 Swagman, 16-1 Clean Singer

☐ Today's fixture at Southwell is being held in aid of the mining communities of Britain. In addition to the races, there will be a rally, which begins at 11am. Speakers include Robin Cook, shadow president of the Board of Trade, and Alan Meale, Labour MP for Mansfield.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Worcester

Going: heavy

12.40 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, AAHSAYLAD (A Maguire, 13-8 fav); 2, Juno Away (A O'Hagan, 9-1); 3, Callerose (H Davies, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Sea Search (4th), 12 Malaagris (5th), 25 Grand Fellow (6th), 33 Blake's Finesse (pu), 50 Kano Warrior (pu), Kaharoa, 66 Master Frith (pu), Roger Rabbit (pu), 100 Mary Borough (pu), Cadford Balerina. 13 ran. NR: Royal Swinger. 3½l, 8l, 1¼l, 8l, 7l. J White at Wendover. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £1.30, £3.40. DF: £7.60. CSF: £15.46.

1.10 (2m ch) 1, GAY RUFFIAN (P Scudamore, 8-11 fav); 2, Spirit Of Kibris (M Pitman, 7-2); 3, West Orient (D Leahy, 14-1) ALSO RAN: 8 Man Of The West (5th), 20 Osturo (4th), 33 Outfield, 50 Jessop (pu), Reiner Sharp (pu), Solar Green, 100 Just Nelly (6th), Hazzard's Boy. 11 ran. 25l, 4l, 10l, 3l, 10l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.30, £2.40. DF: £3.10. CSF: £3.46.

1.40 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, BEAUCHAMP EXPRESS (J McCarthy, 4-6 fav); 2, Skircoat Green (R Dunwoody, 9-2); 3, Royal Refrain (C Llewellyn, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Gort (4th); 20 Absolutely Right (pu), 25 Urshi-Jade (5th), 33 Barry Owen (pu), Lough Brown (6th), 50 Redclyffe, Cwm Arctic, 66 Hard To Resist (pu), 100 Lizzies Lass (pu), Golden Madjambo. 13 ran. 7l, 25l, 2½l, 3l, 15l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.30, £3.40. DF: £3.50. CSF: £4.40.

2.10 (2m ch) 1, CARBONATE (B Powell, 8-2); 2, Pithy (D Leahy, 9-2); 3, Rochester (D Tegg, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Barkisland (5th), 6 Lucky Again, 13-2 Uncle Eli (f), 14 Roman Dart (pu), 25 Garcon (4th), Spark Of Peace, 33 Music Box (ur), 50 City Index (6th). 11 ran. NR: Briggs Builders. 20l, nk, 1l, 2½l, 12l. R Buckler at Bridport. Tote: £6.00; £2.80, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £13.20. CSF: £24.09. Tricast: £145.58.

2.40 (3m hdle) 1, KIWI VELOCITY (Peter Hobbs, 6-4 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Sparkling Flame (R Dunwoody, 10-1); 3, Express Reale (S Smith Eccles, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Golden Frame (pu), 8 Smith Too (5th), Just A Second (6th), 14 Martell Boy (4th), 16 Mighty Randolph (pu), 25 Knightsbridge Bc (pu), 33 Case, Happy Horse, 50 Arm In Arm, Grain Merchant (pu), Malvernian, 66 Merry Wand (pu), Sweeting (pu), Lynelly (pu), 100 Noddys Express, Nothingbuttrouble, Ragtime Cowboy Joe (pu), Spring Bash (pu), Little Clare (pu), Mishy's Star, Gnawing Andaprayer, 24 ran. NR: Sunshine Blues. 3½l, ½l, 8l, 8l, 30l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £4.40, £3.60. DF: £19.20. CSF: £17.74.

3.10 (2m 7f ch) 1, CAPABILITY BROWN (P Scudamore, 13-8 fav); 2, Saddler's Choice (N Williamson, 2-1); 3, Dromin Mist (B Powell, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Ivors Guest (f), Spoonhill Wood (pu), 25 Casting Time (ur), 33 Evenlode (pu), Lorcano (pu), Nevada Gold (f), Mr Mayfair (4th), 50 Chiltern Way (pu), 100 Jane's Delight (pu), Luck Money (pu), Sam Pepper (pu), Thika (pu). 15 ran. NR: Artful Arthur, Rafiki, Sky Venture, Dist, 10l, ¾l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.70; £2.10, £1.40, £1.40. DF: £3.70. CSF: £4.87.

3.40 (2m hdle) 1, OLVESTON (R Greene, 4-1); 2, Quentin Durwood (M Pitman, 4-6 fav); 3, First Crack (J Lodder, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Skittle Alley (4th), Edward Seymour (5th), 16 Champagne Gold, 40 Tekla (6th), 50 I'm Confident. 8 ran. ¾l, 15l, 4l, ¾l, ¾l. P Nicholls at Shepton Mallet. Tote: £6.90; £2.10, £1.30, £1.80. DF: £3.80. CSF: £7.12. Tricast: £14.57.

Placepot: £11.80.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.00 (7f) 1, RESPECTABLE JONES (W Ryan, 1-7 fav); 2, Farm Street (N Gwilliams, 33-1); 3, Looting (Kim McDonnell, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Nigals Friend (4th), 25 Judgement Call (6th), 50 Fourofus (5th). 6 ran. 6l, 6l, 6l, 4l, 1½l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £1.10; £1.10, £9.20. DF: £8.80. CSF: £7.30. 1min 25.71sec.

1.30 (1m 2f) 1, REFLECTING (D Holland, 9-2); 2, Slight Risk (G Bardwell, 3-1); 3, Premier Dance (S McCarthy, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Scales Of Justice, 10 Fit The Bill (5th), 12 Modesto (6th), 33 Samurai Gold (4th). 7 ran. 2½l, nk, 10l, 2l, 20l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £3.70; £3.50, £1.80. DF: £3.40. CSF: £17.28. 2min 6.29sec.

2.00 (5f) 1, PLAY HEVER GOLF (D Holland, 6-4 fav); 2, Pirates Gold (Dale Gibson, 2-1); 3, Belle Soiree (T Quinn, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Grey Pride (6th), 50 Miss Delivery (4th), Girton Belle (5th), Pattie Vino. 7 ran. 1l, 2l, 6l, 1l, hd. T Naughton at Epsom. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.70. DF: £2.80. CSF: £4.34. 1min 0.90sec.

2.30 (6f) 1, THE INSTITUTE BOY (S Webster, 5-1); 2, Sesssedo (Emma O'Gorman, 7-4); 3, Comet Whirlpool (J Quinn, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Persian Gusher (4th). 4 ran. 2l, 1l, 5l. K Burke at Broadway. Tote: £4.80. DF: £11.50. CSF: £13.15. 1min 13.47sec.

3.00 (1m 2f) 1, HONORARY GUEST (D Wright, 14-1); 2, Bichette (T Quinn, 10-11 fav); 3, Bedawi (G Forster, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ann Hill (5th), 33 Lobeka (6th), 50 Buckskin Echo (4th), Elegant Ellie. 7 ran. 1½l, sh hd, 1½l, 2½l, 4l. D Murray Smith at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £5.80; £1.60, £1.40. DF: £8.70. CSF: £26.36. 2min 10.75sec.

3.30 (7f) 1, QUINZII MARTIN (J Williams, 6-1); 2, Pigalle Wonder (D Biggs, 4-6 fav); 3, Don't Drop Bombs (J Tate, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Veloce (4th), 10 Tyrone Flyer (5th), 14 Lucknam Style (6th), 66 Greatest of All. 7 ran. 1l, 1½l, 2l, 3l, 4l. D Haydn Jones at Pontypridd. Tote: £8.70; £3.40, £1.40. DF: £3.80. CSF: £10.27. 1min 26.09sec.

Placepot: £29.70.

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Leading scorer should be back in ten days

Dalglish predicts swift return for injured Shearer

BY IAN ROSS AND LOUISE TAYLOR

FEARS that Alan Shearer, the Blackburn Rovers and England forward, could face a lengthy lay-off were partially allayed yesterday.

Shearer suffered a recurrence of an injury to his right knee during the 3-2 win over Cambridge United in the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final at Ewood Park on Wednesday and was forced to leave the field after 30 minutes.

Although the Premier League's leading goalscorer is unlikely to play in the home game against Wimbledon tomorrow, it is expected he will be fully fit within ten days.

"I'm not particularly worried," Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, said. "Having missed two games with the initial problem, it may well be that he came back one match too early.

"I don't think the problem is as bad as it was before. The trouble with injuries of this nature is that you can only push yourself so far in training before you have to put yourself to the test in a match situation."

Two goals from Newell and one from Wegerle propelled Blackburn into the semi-finals of the competition for the first time in 30 years. They take on Ipswich Town or Sheffield Wednesday over two legs.

Cambridge, who have yet to win under Ian Atkins, their new manager, scored through Clayton and Heathcote.

Patrik Andersson, the Sweden defender, yesterday completed his £800,000 transfer from Malmö to Blackburn after being granted a work permit.

Crystal Palace joined Blackburn in the last four after a 3-1 victory over Chelsea at Selhurst Park. Ndah, 17, and Watts, 18, scored a goal each after Townsend had cancelled out Coleman's opener. Palace face Arsenal or Nottingham Forest in the last four.

Arsenal earned a quarter-final tie with Forest after a 1-0 fourth-round win at Scarborough, of the third division, on Wednesday. Nigel Winterburn's 51st-minute goal was enough to see them through.

Ian Brightwell, the Manchester City defender, has been ruled out for the rest of the season. He was injured in the 1-1 FA Cup third-round draw with Reading at Maine Road on Saturday and went into hospital yesterday for surgery on a detached tendon in his right knee.

Peter Reid, the City player-manager, said: "The operation was a complete success. We haven't been given a time scale for Ian's recovery but I doubt whether we will see him again this season."

COCA-COLA CUP SEMI-FINAL DRAW: Blackburn Rovers v Ipswich Town or Sheffield Wednesday; Crystal Palace v Arsenal or Nottingham Forest. First legs, week commencing Feb 7; second legs, week commencing Mar 8

No escape for Strachan

GORDON Strachan, the Leeds United midfield player, can expect a suspension from domestic football as a result of being sent off against Fiorentina in a tournament in Florence earlier this week, even though the games were only 45 minutes-a-side.

Strachan was shown the red card after furiously contesting a decision, having already been booked a minute earlier for a late challenge.

An FA official confirmed yesterday that the length of the matches made no difference under the disciplinary code. "If he was sent off for a second bookable offence then he will be banned for one match," he said. "But if it was for foul and abusive language, then it will be two."

Ndlovu jets off on his travels

BOBBY Gould, the Coventry City manager, yesterday expressed his concern over the continued loss of Peter Ndlovu, the Zimbabwe international forward, to World Cup matches (Chris Moore writes).

Ndlovu, 19, will miss Coventry's next two Premier League fixtures, against Nottingham Forest at Highfield Road tomorrow and the leaders, Norwich City, at Carrow Road next Saturday.

Ndlovu will fly back to England after an international match in Angola on Sunday for Coventry's postponed FA Cup third-round tie at Norwich on Wednesday, before returning to Zimbabwe the following day for another World Cup qualifying match against Togo next Sunday.

Under Fifa regulations, Coventry are obliged to release Ndlovu for a minimum seven internationals, even though they receive no compensation.

He will also be required for Zimbabwe's return game with Angola on January 31 and for next month's game with Egypt. "It's all proving very disruptive to the his career in this country," Gould said.

Ndlovu's absence tomorrow means that John Williams keeps his place in the attack. Coventry have signed Keith Rowland, the Bournemouth and Republic of Ireland midfield player, on a month's loan.

☐ Patrik Andersson, the Sweden defender, has completed his transfer from Malmö to Blackburn Rovers for £800,000.

Wright a player too hungry to succeed

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

IAN Wright's knack for scoring goals is rivalled only by his capacity for courting controversy. He is often described as a "a firebrand" or "having a short fuse" and a common theme running through his growing list of misdemeanours is that they are either reactions to other players, or the crowd. He is certainly too easily provoked.

Steve Coppell, the Crystal Palace manager who signed Wright from non-League Greenwich Borough, at the age of 22, spares him no sympathy. "Temperament is a bit like a muscle which can be controlled," Coppell said. "Ian is an intelligent footballer and can control it."

Ironically, it is probably Wright's biggest attribute as a player that has occasionally taken him over the edge. Rejected by other League clubs while a teenager, Wright joined Palace keen to make up for lost time — and prove a point.



Wright: quick to react

Coppell said: "I have never seen a hungrier player. Coming into the game late made him all action. Of all the players I've dealt with, Ian is the one who most wanted to succeed. He gets angry, really angry, you can see it on his face.

"He collected a lot of bookings at first but calmed down when he realised there was no point tackling a full back in a meaningless position."

Some feel Wright might have calmed down more had he joined a club other than Arsenal. Although George Graham, their manager, is regarded as authoritarian, Arsenal have an unhappy recent record of disciplinary problems, both on and off the field.

Personable, articulate and popular off the pitch, Wright has a jaunty air, which can border on the arrogant. He arrived at yesterday's FA hearing in London sporting a leather cap and clearly relishes wearing designer clothes.

Now that he has reached the top by becoming a regular member of Graham Taylor's squad, Wright's critics fear he is vulnerable in that he might be "wound up" by foreign players, expert at gamesmanship, and could bring discredit to England by retaliating.

At 29, time is not on his side.



IAN STEWART

Where's that gone? Marc Cox watches his drive off the 1st tee at Rye. He launched his defence of the President's Putter with a win

Americans set shining example

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

HARRY Perkins, of Dallas, Texas, and Martha Reddington, of New York, will never play in the President's Putter but they were the undoubted stars when the 66th edition of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society's annual outing started at Rye yesterday.

On a damp, mizzly day, with visibility at a premium until darkness set in, the two Americans, golfing traditionalists to their frozen fingertips, fetched up to watch shadowy, muffled figures do battle with their own rickety bones and the elements as well as their opponents. Perkins and Reddington knew none of the competitors — except one or two by reputation — but they arrived at Garwick and headed straight for Rye: the sole purpose of their trip was to watch the Putter. If the participants are widely regarded as crazy to compete at such a place at such a time, where does that leave people who have crossed the Atlantic simply to watch?

'Perkins is involved in investment on the stock market and presumably needs a cool head for that but his passion is Bernard Darwin and it was from Darwin's writings that he learned of the Putter and came to love it. "It embodies the spirit of golf," he said.

Perkins and Reddington wrote to Donald Steel — "He's won the Putter in three different decades," Perkins confided — and to his eternal credit Steel, former golf correspondent of *The Sunday Telegraph* and now a golf course architect of note, rose to the occasion by winning two matches and staying on course for his century. Win or lose, it is match No. 98 this morning.

Steel beat John Palmer in the first round and then had a tough tussle with Andy Swanston, a mighty hitter of the ball, in the second. Swanston lost a ball at the short 7th, their 16th, to go two down but won the 8th before unleashing a topped drive of classic proportions at the 9th, to ensure Steel's nerves did not have to live up to his name.

Names and reputations, of course, count for nothing in matchplay and Brian Ingleby, winner on his first appearance in 1991 and tipped by many to win again, lost a great, battling encounter to David Meacher, the 1987 winner, at the 17th.

Mike MacPhee, less celebrated, won two close matches, presumbably the balance being tipped in his favour by the weight of his initials, all four of them.

FIRST ROUND: A D Swanston (C, Pembroke) w cr D M A Steel (C, Christ's) bt J H Palmer (C, St John's), 4 and 3; A Mangeot (O, Trinity) bt I J M Smith (C, Girton), at 19th; R J H Randall (C, St John's) bt R W Turner (O, Brasenose), 2 and 1; M C Grint (O, Brasenose) bt E G Hurst (O, Christ Church), 1 hole; G J Collingham (C, Emmanuel) bt W J Ballheche (O, Merton), 4 and 3; M G L Jarram (O, St Peter's) bt R J Randell (O, Oriel), 2 and 1; J E Behrend (O, Corpus Christi) bt D D S Corner (O, Lincoln), 7 and 6; J M E Anderson (C, Sidney Sussex) bt J R Sanders (O, Brasenose), 2 and 1; M Yates (O, St Catherine's) w cr; R D Marett (O, St Anne's) bt A G M Goodrich (C, Queens'), 6 and 4; D C Bonsall (C, St John's) bt A O Ahiquist (C, Christ's), 6 and 5; J D S Fricker (O, Balliol) bt T F Sharp (O, Corpus Christi), 5 and 4; R J G Hurst (O, Christ Church) bt R H Bigley (C, Queens'), 6 and 5; P R Pentecost (C, Pembroke) bt W M Weynerowski (O, Corpus Christi), 2 and 1; P J Scarfield (O, St Catherine's) bt R J Basson (O, Christ Church), 1 hole; M W M R MacPhee (O, Oriel) bt G O Lasch (O, St Peter's), at 19th; D J Warden (C, Fitzwilliam) bt P F Gardiner-Hill (O, Christ Church), at 19th; G M MacSween (C, Emmanuel) bt R J P Youngman (O, Trinity), 3 and 2; D D Shaw (O, Mansfield) bt D H Garrow (O, Trinity), 1 hole; T M Fitzsimmons (O, Queen's) bt A W Brierley (O, Worcester), at 19th; B S Ingleby (C, Fitzwilliam) bt J M T Warman (C, Selwyn), 5 and 4; D C Meacher (C, Fitzwilliam) w cr, bt D Sissins (C, Trinity Hall) bt Sir Michael Willford (C, Pembroke), 1 hole; P B Merry (C, Downing) bt J R Bushell (C, Pembroke), 1 hole.

SECOND ROUND: N A Theyer (C, Peterhouse) bt S R Ashworth (O, Hertford), 4 and 3; J T L Watson (C, Trinity Hall) bt S A Sharpe (C, Fitzwilliam), 3 and 2; Rev M P J Bonney (C, St Catharine's) bt S C K Twigden (C, Selwyn), 1 hole; S P R Jenkins (O, Worcester) bt M R Uzielli (C, Pembroke), 1 hole; R A Sanders (O, Merton) bt H M J Ritchie (O, Christ Church), 3 and 2; W J Uzielli (O, Trinity) bt R F Palmer (C, St John's), 2 and 1; R W Evans (C, Wolfson) bt M F Baigent (C, St John's), 4 and 3; T M Walker (C, Magdalene) bt P J R Webb (C, Trinity Hall), 4 and 3; D C Taylor (C, Selwyn) bt A de C Aldrich-Blake (C, Pembroke), 4 and 3; R F H Peach (O, Magdalen) bt G M Langford (O, Pembroke), 3 and 2; C E Travers (C, Jesus) bt J D Cruickshank (C, St John's), 3 and 2; S M Rachee (O, Christ Church) bt J A Gordon (O, Wolfson), at 19th; T E Tew (O, Wolfson) bt R D Youngman (C, Magdalene), 1 hole; W H Barclay (C, St John's) bt A G Edmond (C, Trinity), 3 and 2; D E F Simons (C, Corpus Christi) bt J E Borrett (C, Queens'), 3 and 2; J B Wild (O, St John's) bt J N Dawe (O, Balliol), at 19th; P H Weller (C, St John's) bt D L Mason (O, Jesus), 3 and 2; T J Harrison (C, St John's) bt B H G Chapman (C, Clare), 2 and 1; D Rowley-Jones (C, Selwyn) bt I R H Paterson (C, Pembroke), 1 hole; N R M Philcox (O, New College) bt R P Lawson (O, Keble), 2 and 1; P Dawson (C, Corpus Christi) bt J R E Kent (O, Brasenose), 2 and 1; A P Stacey (C, Fitzwilliam) bt J N Littlewood (O, New College), 7 and 6; A W J Holmes (C, St John's) bt P B K Gracey (O, Brasenose), 3 and 2; C J Dale (C, Trinity Hall) bt A N S Fisher (O, New College), 4 and 3; Steel bt Swanston, 1 hole; Mangeot bt Randell, at 19th; Grint bt Collingham, at 19th; Behrend bt Jarram, 3 and 2; Yates bt Anderson, 3 and 2; Marett bt Bonsall, 1 hole; Fricker bt Hurst, 20th; Pentecost bt Scarfield, 1 hole; M R Butler (O, St Edmund's Hall) bt S J McCleary (C, Sidney Sussex), 5 and 4; C J Wright (C, Jesus) bt D T Sparrow (O, Keble), 4 and 3, MacPhee bt D I Wilson (C, Magdalene), 1 hole; Warden bt MacSween, 2 and 1; Fitzsimmons bt Shaw, 3 and 2; B G Streather (O, St Edmund Hall) bt W P Cooper (C, Clare), 4 and 3; Meacher bt Ingleby, 2 and 1; Meary bt Deane, 2 and 1; P J R Souster (C, Queens') bt I Armitage (O, Christ Church), 2 and 1; J S Young (C, Churchill) bt R P Noble (O, Queen's), 5 and 4; A Bassanello (O, Oriel) bt D G Burton (O, St John's), 7 and 6; N J Bates (O, Lady Margaret Hall) bt R W Davlin (O, Wadham), 3 and 2; P J R Bathurst (C, Magdalene) bt J Whitmore (C, Clare), 4 and 3; W H P Jackson (O, St Peter's) bt R C Phillips (O, Lincoln), 8 and 7; M R A Cox (C, Girton) bt P J Hogg (C, St Catherine's), 2 and 1; A D Chilvers (O, St Benet's Hall) bt D J Youngman (Brasenose), 1 hole; M G Ebert (C, Fitzwilliam) and S D Ellis (C, Pembroke), all square after 23; N J Grant (C, Christ's) bt P M Crawley (C, Trinity Hall), 4 and 3; A J Murley (C, St Catharine's) bt R H Newman (C, Trinity Hall), 2 and 1; D L Randall (O, Oriel) bt W C C Guest (O, Brasenose), 2 and 1; J D Baty (O, Oriel) bt J C Williamson (O, St John's), 3 and 2; A H Catchpole (O, University) and G R Hughes (C, Caius), all square after 18; J Clennell (O, Christ Church) bt R D H Hall (C, Magdalene), 5 and 4; A C Hodson (O, St Peter's) bt R O Kelly (C, Corpus Christi), 1 hole; J M Peal (O, Worcester) bt C J Ambler (C, Queens'), 2 and 1; C R Haines (C, Trinity) bt C C Ellison (C, Homerton), 6 and 5, I J Macdiarid (C, Fitzwilliam) bt J C Leigh (C, Clare), 21st; P L Osborn (C, Trinity Hall) bt A G S McCallum (O, Pembroke), 3 and 2; J Chiene (C, Queens') bt P A C Cogan (C, Pembroke), 1 hole; D W McClean (C, Trinity) bt M E Kitchen (O, Worcester), 5 and 4; N B Peplow (C, Jesus) bt K Frearson (O, Christ Church), 5 and 4; P M Green (C, Emmanuel) bt J C Hafter (O, Magdalen), 5 and 4.

Evans pulls hamstring in training

Ieuan Evans, the captain of the Wales rugby union team, pulled a hamstring in training at the Club La Santa in Lanzarote yesterday. It is the second injury blow to Wales in two days.

Nigel Walker, the former Olympic high hurdler, managed only 20 metres of a sprint on Wednesday before suffering recurring ankle trouble.

☐ Mark Ring, the Cardiff and Wales back, has rejoined Pontypool, the side he helped guide to the merit table championship in 1987-8. Ring said his reasons for leaving Cardiff, who lead the Welsh league, were personal.

Search launched

Motor rallying: Search parties and a helicopter went looking for missing competitors in the Paris-Dakar Rally yesterday after the third African stage was cancelled. Only 66 cars and trucks out of 103 reached the end of the second stage at El Golea in southern Algeria. Bruno Saby, of France, leads the event.

Dispute ends

American football: National Football League owners and players have ended five years of labour discord by agreeing a seven-year contract that allows free agency.

Graf worry

Tennis: Steffi Graf twisted an ankle during a mixed doubles Hopman Cup match in Perth yesterday and now faces an anxious wait before the final of the team event. Michael Stich and Graf had already clinched victory for Germany in their semi-final against France.

England expects

Squash: Peter Marshall and Chris Walker, England's leading two players, compete in the first round of the inaugural Super Series play-offs in Zurich next week.

YACHTING

Jumping gun to cost Interspray second place

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

PAUL Jeffes and his crew aboard Interspray reached Hobart yesterday to take eighth place on the second stage of the British Steel Challenge round the world race, but they retain second place overall.

Interspray's combined time for the two legs from Southampton amounts to 81 days, 17hr 11min, some 27 hours behind John Chittenden's leading yacht, Nuclear Electric. This, however, is before at least three other crews are credited for time lost going to help Richard Tudor's dismasted yacht, British Steel II, or the two-hour penalty Jeffes is likely to face for rushing the start in Rio six weeks ago is taken into account. If that is considered, the crew drops to third place, less than an hour behind Hofbrau Lager.

Jeffes said the 8,800-mile stage was less daunting and more exciting than expected, and even a frustrating 16 hours spent becalmed off Cape Horn had its high points. "We lost 100 miles on the fleet," Paul Buchanan said, "but we sat in the sun, I juggled and Dominic Matthews morris danced while dolphins played around the boat."

Phone-Poulenc, in ninth position, which lost three days on the fleet after pulling into the Falklands for repairs, is expected to arrive in Hobart tomorrow.

RESULTS: Second leg (Rio de Janeiro to Hobart): Finishers: 1, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden) 48 days 23hr 26min; 2, Commercial Union (R Merriweather) 49:08:20; 3, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss) 50:09:29; 4, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry) 50:16:43; 5, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding) 51:04:47; 6, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray) 51:07:56; 7, Heath Insured (A Donovan) 51:13:59; 8, Interspray (P Jeffes) 52:01:11. Other positions (at 15:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Hobart): 9, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips) 353. Retired: British Steel II (R Tudor).

☐ *Race information supplied by BT.*

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
AUSTRIA							
Alpbach	10	60	softening	poor	rain	3	13/12
(Rain softening upper runs; lower runs patchy)							
Auffach	15	60	fair	poor	rain	4	13/12
(Lower runs icy; still good skiing on upper)							
Ischgl	15	150	fair	worn	overcast	3	12/12
(Hardpacked snow on upper slopes; worn on lower)							
St Johann	10	40	fair	open	cloudy	4	13/12
(Snow softening on all pistes; all lifts open)							
Westendorf	40	10	fair	closed	rain	4	13/12
(Skiing above middle station only; 80 of 90 lifts open)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	48	240	compact	fair	cloudy	3	12/12
(Best on upper slopes; 68 of 87 lifts and 72 of 106 pistes open)							
Chamonix	35	305	good	fair	cloudy	2	12/12
(Best on uppermost pistes; 42 lifts and 60 pistes open)							
La Rosiere	80	250	compact	open	cloudy	5	12/12
(Still good skiing at all levels; all 18 lifts open)							
S Chevalier	30	150	compact	poor	overcast	6	16/12
(Lower runs patchy and difficult; 69 lifts and 101 pistes open)							
SWITZERLAND							
Adelboden	8	90	fair	poor	cloudy	3	8/12
(Best above middle station, lower poor; all 22 lifts open)							
Klosters	20	140	hardpacked	difficult	cloudy	3	12/12
(Still good on upper slopes; lower runs worn)							
Lenzerheide	20	80	fair	patchy	cloudy	2	12/12
(Lower runs patchy and difficult; all 38 lifts open)							
Morgins	20	55	hardpacked	patchy	cloudy	3	12/12
(Hardpacked snow at all levels; lower thin and icy)							
Saas Fee	40	190	hardpacked	fair	overcast	0	12/12
(Good skiing available at all levels; all 26 lifts open)							
UNITED STATES							
Aspen	90	110	good	open	overcast	0	6/1
(Fresh snow topping up trails; eight lifts open)							
Copper Mtn	70	75	good	open	overcast	-12	7/1
(Dry snow on all trails; 18 lifts and 84 trails open)							
Jackson Hole	70	150	good	open	overcast	-8	6/1
(Recent snowfall maintaining excellent conditions)							

Information supplied by Ski Hotline

HOCKEY

England coach believes that the gap is closing

BY ALEX RAMSAY

GERMANY are the team that everybody fears as the seventh women's European Nations Cup gets under way at Crystal Palace today, for they have won the six previous events.

The Germans have been drawn in pool A, along with England, the European outdoor champions, France and Denmark. Scotland, Spain, the Olympic champions, Austria and Czechoslovakia form pool B.

The England squad is a mixture of indoor and outdoor internationals. Jo Thompson and Sandie Lister, of Ipswich, and Mandy Nicholls, of Ealing, have returned to the indoor scene after winning bronze in Barcelona and now must adjust to a faster game.

The team coach, Maggie Souyave, has been able to pull together her strongest squad and is looking towards the opening game against France with confidence. "I've got the best two goalkeepers in the country in Jo Thompson and Carolyn Reid," she said. "No matter how good the squad is, a good goalkeeper is vital. The Germans execute set-pieces so well. So many of their goals are scored from penalty corners."

Souyave feels that having Germany, in the same pool, is a good thing, as the teams will not meet again until the final, should both qualify from the group. She is wary of Spain. "They are well prepared and they work very hard, which can unsettle opponents. I don't think they'll feel any pressure following the Olympics. They'll still be on a high."

Nevertheless, she feels reasonably optimistic. "I couldn't put out a better team than I have," she said. "We have the potential to get to the final and at each European tournament we are all getting closer to the German standard. They have to lose some day."

FIXTURES: Today: England v France (2.30); Scotland v Austria (3.30). Tomorrow: Spain v Scotland (10am); England v Denmark (11am); Scotland v Czechoslovakia (1pm); England v Germany (4pm). Sunday: Semi-finals 9am and 10am. Final: 2.15pm.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final series: Group A: Cibona Zagreb (Cro) 71, PAOK Salonika 62. Group B: Estudiantes Madrid 83, Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 92.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Hemel Hempstead Royals 78 (Nigoli 34), Birmingham Bullets 123 (Singleton 43, Rucker 37).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Celtics 108, Indiana Pacers 94; Philadelphia 76ers 132, New Jersey Nets 106; Cleveland Cavaliers 117, Chicago Bulls 96; Detroit Pistons 110, Los Angeles Clippers 103; Los Angeles Lakers 98, Minnesota Timberwolves 78.

CRICKET

RONDEBOSCH, South Africa: Tour match: India XI, 245-9; England under-18's, 138. India XI won by 107 runs.

DARTS

FRIMLEY GREEN, Surrey: Embassy world professional championship: Quarter-finals: S Beaton (Eng) bt R Anderson (Eng), 4-1; A Warriner (Eng) bt W Weening (Aus), 4-1.

FOOTBALL

Late results on Wednesday

COCA-COLA CUP: Fourth round: Scarborough 0, Arsenal 1. Fifth round: Blackburn Rovers 3, Cambridge United 2; Crystal Palace 3, Chelsea 1.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: First round: Stoke City 2, Crewe Alexandra 2; Wigan Athletic 2, Preston North End 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Hamilton Academical 2, Meadowbank Thistle 0.

PORTUGUESE SUPERCUP: Boavista 2, FC Porto 2 (agg: 4-3).

FRENCH LEAGUE: Lille 2, Marseilles 0.

FLORENCE: New Year's Cup (45-minute matches): Fiorentina 2, Leeds United 0; Internazionale 2, Leeds United 0; Fiorentina 1, Internazionale 0.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Rotherham 2, Sheffield Wednesday 2; Wolverhampton 2, Manchester United 3; Sunderland 2, Liverpool 4; Sheffield United 3, Barnsley 2. Second division: Blackpool 1, Coventry 3; Bradford City 3, Mansfield 1; Burnley 2, Grimsby 1; Huddersfield 0, Derby 4; Hull 1, Preston 0.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Fulham 1, Tottenham 1; Oxford United 2, Brighton 0; Southampton 4, Portsmouth 1. Second division: Bristol Rovers 3, Plymouth 1; Exeter 2, Torquay 3.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Ebbw Vale 10, Briton Ferry 0. League Cup: Preliminary round: Caersws 4, Porthmadog 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich 1, Southport 1. First division: Knowsley 3, Netherfield 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Solihull 2, Halesowen 3.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham 2, Stowmarket 4.

CAWOODS CO. ANTRIM SHIELD: Semi-final: Crusaders 1, Glenavon 1 (aet; Glenavon win 5-4 on pens).

GOLF

MOUNT IRVINE BAY, Tobago: Coghlan Cup: West Indies v Europe (European names first): Foursomes: Jacklin and D J Russell lost to D Cambridge and W Roberts, 2 and 1; P Carrigill and M Poxon bt C Yearwood and S Bishop, 5 and 4; M Mackenzie and R McFarlane halved with P Singh and I Kirton; W Stephens and G Furey bt T Levine and C Richards, 3 and 1; S Bennett and J Bennett bt B Deonath and C Harries, 3 and 2. Fourballs-result: Europe 3½, W Indies 1½.

Singles: Russell halved with Harries; Carrigill bt Roberts 6 and 6; Mackenzie bt Yearwood, 6 and 5; Jacklin bt Levine, 4 and 2; Stephens lost to Richards, 3 and 1; McFarlane lost to Cambridge, 5 and 4; Furey bt Bishop, 7 and 6; S Bennett bt Singh, 6 and 5; J Bennett bt Kirton, 4 and 3; Poxon lost to Deonath, 1 hole. Singles result: Europe 8½, W Indies 3½. Match result: Europe 10, West Indies 5.

HOCKEY

BARCELONA: Los Reyes tournament: Real Club de Polo 0, Havant 1 (Havant win tournament. Runners-up: Firebrands).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo Sabres 3, Hartford Whalers 1; New Jersey Devils 5, Minnesota North Stars 1; New York Rangers 6, Ottawa Senators 2; Vancouver Canucks 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Tampa Bay Lightning 6, Los Angeles Kings 3.

MOTOR RALLYING

PARIS-DAKAR RALLY: Leading positions (after 641km second African stage): Cars: 1, B Saby (Fr), Mitsubishi, 6hr 55min 41sec; 2, T Salonen (Fin), Citroen, 1:13.59 behind; 3, P Lartigue (Fr), Citroen, 1:19.19 behind. Motorcycles: 1, S Peterhansel (Fr), Yamaha 7:06.39; 2, J Acarons (Sp), Yamaha, 42:47 behind; 3, T Charbonnier (Fr), Yamaha, 56:13.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British Open under-24 singles championships: First round: I Danby bt I Timbertake, 15-17, 15-7, 5-15, 15-6, 15-9; J Beaumont bt R Lawson, 15-2, 15-7, 15-6; J Acheson-Gray bt K Walker, 15-0, 15-8, 15-6; A Robinson bt A Hiscock, 15-10, 15-5, 16-9. Under-21 singles championships: First round: J Larken bt A Hodgson, 15-4, 15-11, 15-0. Under-24 doubles championships: First round: G Barker and A Robinson bt A Hiscock and I Timbertake, 15-8, 13-18, 15-6, 15-7, 15-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Hull 16, Wakefield 20; Salford 12, Widnes 48; St Helens 84, Leigh 9; Sheffield 10, Halifax 26. Second division: Oldham 38, Bramley 0; Swinton 14, Rochdale 12. Third division: Doncaster 0, Dewsbury 24; Whitehaven 42, Chorley 12.

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE CUP: First round: Leeds 38, Featherstone Rovers 22.

TENNIS

WELLINGTON, New Zealand: BP Challenger tournament: Second round: R Weiss (US) bt L Gloria (US), 6-2, 5-7, 7-6; T Ho (US) bt F Wilder (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; J Arias (US) bt R Smith (Bah), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; P Rafter (Aus) bt G Stafford (SA), 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

QATAR: Open tournament: Second round: A Cherkasov (Rus) bt Y El-Aynaoui (Mor), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; P Kuhnen (Ger) bt M Schapers (Hol), 7-6, 6-2; G Manilevich (Cro) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ), 6-3, 7-6; M Gonzalez (Sp) bt B Wuyts (Bel), 6-0, 6-2. Quarter-finals: S Edberg (Swe) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ), 6-3, 6-4.

ADELAIDE: Australian men's hardcourt championships: Second round: J Stark (US) bt J Bucko (Sp), 7-6, 6-2; A O'Brien (US) bt R Krajicek (Hol), 6-4, 6-4; R Fromberg (Aus) bt D Pate (US), 7-6, 7-6; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-3, 6-4.

BRISBANE: Australian women's hardcourt championships: Third round: M Jaggard-Lai (Aus) bt N Sawdons (It), 6-3, 7-6; Wang Shi-ting (Taipei) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-4, 6-1; N van Lottum (Fr) bt M Bollegraf (Hol), 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; R McQuillan (Aus) bt N Pratt (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; A Gavaldon (Mex) bt S Rotter (Hol), 5-1, 4-6, 6-1; M Maleeva (Bul) bt L Davenport (US), 6-3, 6-2.

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Open: Second round: R Agenor (Hait) bt C van Rensburg (SA), 6-2, 7-6, 7-6; R Reneberg (US) bt J Bingh (Hol), 6-4, 6-1; P Haarhuis (Hol) bt R Bergh (Swe), 7-5, 2-6, 7-5.

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6.00 Business Breakfast (57021) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (68441971)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk leads a studio discussion on a topical subject (9346958) **9.45 Ross King.** Game show. The guest is *Blue Peter* presenter John Leslie (s) (3449595)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (4964717) **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (r) (s) (2514446)
10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (91197953)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Music and conversation hosted by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (3681953) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (24355885)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (55330)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (58193514) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (71338458)
2.20 First Letter First. Word game hosted by Don Maclean (s) (54567021) **2.45 The Flying Doctors.** Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (5753601)
3.30 Cartoon Double Bill (7903156) **3.45 Juniper Jungle.** A new cartoon series (s) (6079804) **3.55 Quick Draw McGraw** (r) (4485428) **4.05 Jackanory.** Part two of *Sir Quinton Quest Hunts the Yeti* (9892069) **4.15 Rude Dog and the Dweebs** (r) (5469595)

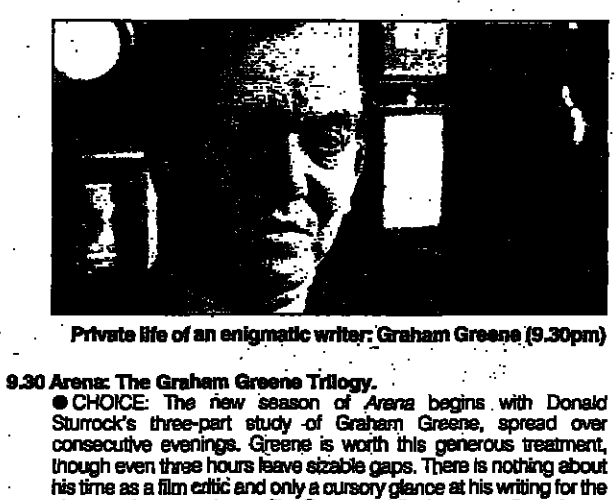


Into the lion's den: Packham, Nutkins, Strachan (4.30pm)

4.30 The Really Wild Show.
● CHOICE: The wildlife series for children returns for an extended 12-week run with the jaunty Michaela Strachan joining the regular presenters Terry Nutkins and Chris Packham. As before the show is fast, lively and enthusiastic, with the emphasis on providing solid information in the most easily digestible form. If an item on bats can be dressed up in terms of Batman (get it?) and Robin, so much the better. If today's youngsters need to get their messages in a noisy, restless pop video style, then give it to them. We have come a long way from dear old Johnny Morris. This afternoon's programme is about how animals climb and walk across water and answers a question which must have taxed many a brain, young and old: how does a fly walk upside down on a ceiling? (Ceefax) (s) (3238798)
4.55 Newsround Extra. Juliet Morris joins a secret raid to free child slaves working in a carpet factory in India (6199088) **5.05 Grange Hill.** Drama set in a comprehensive school. (Ceefax) (s) (3700446)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (381717). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax) Weather (359)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (311). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (2330)
7.30 Entertainment Express. The first of a new magazine covering news and features from showbusiness and the media, presented by Selina Scott. (Ceefax) (595). Northern Ireland: Sportscene
8.00 Your Best Shot. A new family entertainment hosted by Marti Caine in which members of the public compete with celebrities to discover who is best at various pursuits. The guests include Lesley Joseph of *Birds of a Feather* (Ceefax) (s) (690175)
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson (s) (630430)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional News and weather (5021)
9.30 Love Hurts. Continuing the second series of the romantic drama created by Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran with Adam Faith and Zoë Wanamaker as the in-and-out-of-love lovers. (Ceefax) (s) (555695)
10.20 Terry Wogan's Friday Night. The guests include Neil Kinnock, Sheila Hancock, Michael Palin and comedian Jeremy Hardy (s) (571798). Northern Ireland: Entertainment Express 10.50-11.35 Cagney and Lacey
11.00 Film: Gator (1976) starring Burt Reynolds and Lauren Hutton. Routine, stunt-filled action thriller with the villain of *White Lightning* on the side of the good guys when he infiltrates a gang to get evidence against a crooked politician. It marked Reynolds's directing debut (887427). Northern Ireland: 11.35 Terry Wogan 12.15-2.20 Film: The Lost Command
12.55am Weather (4827422)

BBC2

6.00 Breakfast News (4522311) **8.15 Travel Show UK Mini Guides.** The Lincolnshire wolds (r) (7663021) **8.20 Ours to Keep.** The historic city of York (r) (7024798)
9.00 Film: The Kidnappers (1953, b/w) starring Duncan Macrae, Jean Anderson and Adrienne Corri. A charming children's drama set in turn-of-the-century Nova Scotia directed by Philip Leacock (54595)
10.30 Film: A Woman's Face (1939, b/w) starring Ingrid Bergman. Swedish melodrama about a woman, scarred as a child, who turns to crime. Directed by Gustaf Molander. In Swedish with English subtitles (64258885)
12.05 One Man's Forest. Worcestershire naturalist Norman Hickin and the Wyre forest (r) (5974886) **12.30 Today's Gourmet.** Jacques Pepin prepares sautéed eggplant rolls, red snapper in potato jackets with salad, and baked apple tart (r) (13953)
1.00 Made by Man. The skill of the organ maker (r) (60868427) **1.20 Fingermouse.** Puppets (r) (64896663) **1.35 The Wild Side of Town.** The last in the series about urban wildlife (r) (94388773)
2.00 News and weather (94563798) followed by **The Wooldridge View.** What it takes to be a Royal Navy field-gunner (r) (5530663)
3.00 News and weather (9458040) followed by **World Darts.** Highlights of yesterday's quarter-finals (s) (3073243)
4.20 Catchword. Game for wordsmith (s) (9506446) **4.50 Behind the Headlines** with Shyama Perera (s) (8344929) **5.20 Film 93 Special** featuring Kevin Costner (r) (s) (6949427)
6.00 Stingray. Classic puppet series (r). (Ceefax) (784156)
6.25 The Man From UNCLE. Spoof secret agent escapades starring David McCallum and Robert Vaughn (r). (Ceefax) (730311)
7.15 Dr Who. Episode one of a six-part adventure, *The Genesis of the Daleks*, starring Tom Baker (r). (Ceefax) (360953)
7.45 Lessons in Freedom. An *Education Special* that makes a return visit to Liverpool's Scotland Road Free School 21 years after the BBC first filmed there (608972)
8.30 Front Gardens.
● CHOICE: The cool and sensible Gay Search hosts a six-part series on how to freshen up a front garden. Search was co-presenter of the excellent *Old Garden, New Gardener* and the new programmes place a similar emphasis on practical improvements at moderate cost. The first examples are four adjoining gardens in a Victorian terrace. A designer, Jean Bishop, is called in to suggest layouts which both meet the tastes of the occupants (one wants to grow herbs, another to sunbathe) and conform to the ambience of the area. There are tips on paths, soil improvement and planting and a fast forward to show what even a couple of months can do to the most unpromising patch. The virtue of the project is that it deals with real gardens, not the bogus television ones where soil is as soft as sand and weeds are unknown. (Ceefax) (5427)
9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt. More worldly wisdom from Scotland's streetwise philosoper. Starring Gregor Fisher (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3663)

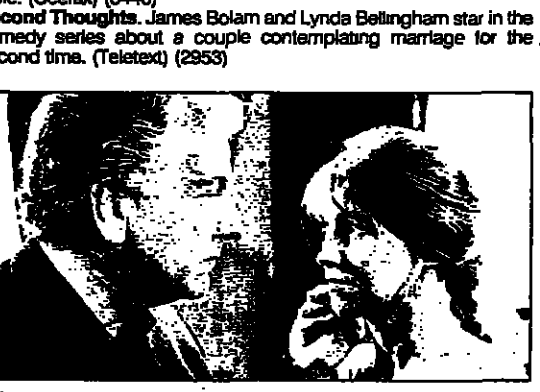


Private life of an enigmatic writer: Graham Greene (9.30pm)

9.30 Arena: The Graham Greene Trilogy.
● CHOICE: The new season of *Arena* begins with Donald Sturrock's three-part study of Graham Greene, spread over consecutive evenings. Greene is worth this generous treatment, though even three hours leave sizable gaps. There is nothing about his time as a film critic and only a cursory glance at his writing for the cinema. Attempts to profile Greene while he was alive always foundered on his notorious reluctance to be interviewed on camera, though he broke the rule more often than is sometimes realised. The other inhibition was opening up his turbulent and secretive private life. That gap, at least, is adequately filled, with much about his various mistresses and a rare interview with his widow (though she shares his dislike of the camera). Tonight's instalment runs to 1939 and publication of *The Power and the Glory*. (Ceefax) (90156)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (316953) **11.15 Weather** (435750)
11.20 Darts (s) (135330) **12.00 Behind the Headlines** (r) (s) (87165)
12.30am Film: The War Is Over (1966, b/w) starring Yves Montand. The *Classic French Cinema* season continues with this political drama set in Paris 25 years after the end of the Spanish civil war. Directed by Alain Resnais (833430). Ends at **2.25**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include Prince Edward, who launches a new soccer initiative as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Nigel Havers and Keith Barron discussing their new series of *The Good Guys*, and *The Sun's* Gary Bushell who previews the weekend's television (7789427)
9.25 Runway. Quiz game hosted by Richard Madeley (9916953) **9.55 London Today** and weather (2590866)
10.00 The Time... The Place... Topical discussion (2196507)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine series (64244682)
12.10 Tots TV. For the very young (s) (9926866)
12.30 Lunchtime News. (Teletext) Weather (6956525) **1.05 London Today** and weather (64911972)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (746224) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (745595)
2.15 Life Goes On. The first of a new American family drama starring Bill Smitrovich and Patti LuPone (5556601)
3.10 ITN News and regional news headlines (1200156) **3.20 Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz for teenage contestants (s) (8355327)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) (9580408) **3.55 Zzzap!** A new television comic (9354885) **4.15 Talespin.** Animation (r) (8665576) **4.40 Eye of the Storm.** Episode one of a new six-part children's ecological drama starring Bill Nighy and Judy Parfitt. (Teletext) (7508822)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (3794885)
5.40 Early Evening News. (Teletext) Weather (991243)
6.00 London Tonight and weather (25798)
7.00 Celebrity Squares. Return of the 1970s game show, hosted by the original presenter, Bob Monkhouse. The guests are Barbara Windsor, Bob Carolgees, Jim Bowen, Sean Blowers and Lesley Joseph (s) (4798)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (663)
8.00 The Bill: All Through the Night. PC Stamp has to deal with complaints about noise from an all-night party. Starring Graham Cole. (Ceefax) (3446)
8.30 Second Thoughts. James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham star in the comedy series about a couple contemplating marriage for the second time. (Teletext) (2953)

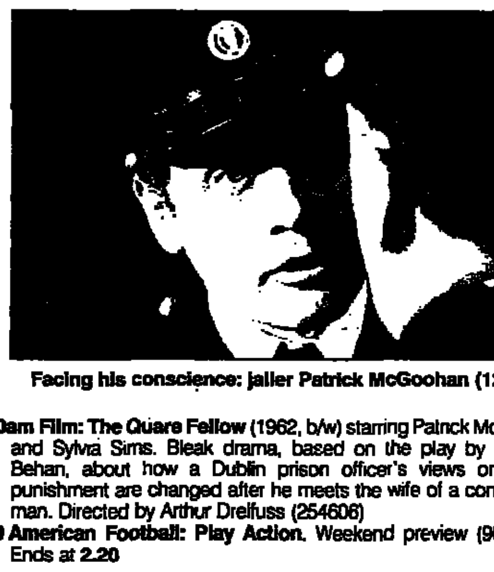


Fall-guy: Keith Barron with Ingeborga Dapkunaite (9.00pm)

9.00 The Good Guys: Moldavian Rhapsody.
● CHOICE: Given the easy rapport between its stars, Nigel Havers and Keith Barron, there was never any doubt that the saga of the flat-sharing Guys would stretch to a second series. It is not a great show but there are far worse ways of passing an undemanding hour. Tonight's script by John Bird thrusts the lads into a nicely preposterous plot built round an attractive and permanently smiling language teacher (Ingeborga Dapkunaite). She is not only the focus for a sudden romance with Guy/Barron but the key to an attempt to revive a Balkan monarchy. Guy/Havers gets drawn in as well and if the outcome can be guessed about 20 minutes before the end, there is much enjoyable skirmishing along the way. The only puzzle is how the Guys, both without jobs and income, maintain such a swish London pad. (Teletext) (s) (1311)
10.00 News at Ten. (Teletext) Weather (90514) **10.30 London Tonight** (683175)
10.40 Film: Jeremiah Johnson (1972) starring Robert Redford and Will Geer. Atmospheric and visually powerful story of a former soldier, tired of people, who decides to become a mountain trapper and learns to survive the winters, the Indians and rival trappers. Directed by Sydney Pollack (76049779)
12.40am TV Dating. Phone in dating programme (1860731)
1.10 The ITV Chart Show (s) (9652731)
2.15 Whale On. James Whale chairs a discussion on the right of the press to intrude into the private life of public people (355267)
3.15 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Latest releases reviewed (82446996)
3.45 Basketball (4116151)
4.40 Riviera. French drama serial (4510609)
5.30 ITN Morning News (94170). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.40 Spiff and Hercules (2585021)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (45953)
9.00 You Bet Your Life Game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (77663)
9.30 Film: Lorna Doone (1934, b/w) starring Victoria Hopper, John Loder and Margaret Lockwood. Early but still effective version of R. D. Blackmore's story of romance and passion on Exmoor, directed by Basil Dean. (Teletext) (95196)
11.00 Film: Man From Utah (1934, b/w) starring John Wayne. Low-budget western with Wayne as a lawman who infiltrates a rodeo show to capture a gang of racketeers. Directed by Robert N. Bradbury (44224)
12.00 Profiles of Nature. The early days in the life of a harp seal pup on an ice floe by the Magdalen Islands, Canada (97427)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Candice Bergen (43885) **1.30 Lift Off.** Children's entertainment (93232)
2.00 Film: Tobacco Road (1941, b/w) starring Gene Tierney and Charley Grapewin. Touching drama about poor white farmers scraping a living in Georgia during the Depression. Directed by John Ford (429175)
3.35 Noah's Ark. A visit to Chile's Torres del Paine region where it hardly stops raining — a perfect home for the aquatic birds of the area (r) (5598086)
4.00 Travelog A journey through the French countryside. (Teletext) (s) (392)
4.30 Countdown The words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (576)
5.00 Cutting Edge: Tornado Down. John Peters and John Nicol describe their imprisonment in Baghdad after being shot down at the beginning of the Gulf war (r) (4311)
6.00 Blossom. Comedy series about a teenage girl living in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household (s) (999)
6.30 Happy Days. American comedy series (Teletext) (791)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (388392)
7.50 First Reaction. Simon Mayo on *Songs of Praise*'s Top Ten Hymns (948972)
8.00 In Search of Holy England. The first of a five-part exploration by Rabbi Lionel Blue of English spirituality and its impact on his life (r) (Teletext) (1088)
8.30 Brookside. Drama serial set in a Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (7345)
9.00 A Count of Flowers. The first of two programmes presented in the January sun by Roy Lancaster from La Mortola, the garden in Italy founded in the 19th century by Thomas and Daniel Hanbury (8359)
9.30 Cheers. Award-winning comedy series about the staff and regulars of a popular Boston bar. (Teletext) (s) (28885)
10.00 Nurses. Black comedy set in a Miami hospital. (Teletext) (98156)
10.30 A Shoe Fetishist's Guide to Bruce Moreton. The surreal Scottish comedian on stage at Glasgow's Third Eye Centre (r) (331392)
11.05 The Word Young people's style and music magazine The guests include Zsa Zsa Gabor and Sister Sledge (s) (379175)



Facing his conscience: jailer Patrick McGoohan (12.10am)

12.10am Film: The Quare Fellow (1962, b/w) starring Patrick McGoohan and Sylvia Sims. Bleak drama, based on the play by Brendan Behan, about how a Dublin prison officer's views on capital punishment are changed after he meets the wife of a condemned man. Directed by Arthur Dreifuss (254606)
1.50 American Football: Play Action. Weekend preview (9062422). Ends at **2.20**

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8355327) **5.10-5.40** Stars of Tomorrow (3794885) **6.00** Home and Away (771682) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (613205) **10.45** Married...with Children (301040) **11.10** Film: The Survivors (878779) **1.05** Whale On (9653460) **2.05** New Music (3236538) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5952002) **4.05** Sportsworld (68119088) **4.30** Riviera (25199) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (89809)

BORDER
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: Let the Balloon Go (7877069) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8355327) **6.00** Lookaround (427) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (779) **10.40** Island Son (189668) **11.40** Kojak (586408) **12.35** Love at First Sight (1861460) **1.05** Whale On (9153460) **2.05** New Music (3236538) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5842793) **4.00** Sportsworld (49828) **4.30** Riviera (25199) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (89809)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (746224) **1.45** Home and Away (745595) **2.15-3.10** McCloud (5556601) **3.20-3.50** GP (8355327) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (3794885) **6.00** Home and Away (771682) **6.25-7.00** Central News (613205) **10.40** Central Weekend (9228205) **12.10** Film: A Stranger Waits (902731) **1.55** Whale On (8899880) **2.55** The Beat (4784712) **3.55** Music Box Special (49460422) **4.25-5.55** Jobfinder (5636489)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (746224) **1.45** Home and Away (745595) **2.15-3.10** Highway to Heaven (5556601) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8355327) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (3794885) **6.00** Home and Away (427) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (779) **10.40** Fanfare for a New World (9228205) **12.10** Island Son (4132170) **1.05** Whale On (9653460) **2.05** Night Beat (3236538) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5842793) **4.00** Sportsworld (49828) **4.30** Riviera (25199) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (89809)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Wish You Were Here..? (745595) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (5556601) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8355327) **6.00** HTV News (427) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (52999) **10.40** Late and Live (9228205) **12.10** Miller and Mueller (1432170) **1.05** Whale On (9653460) **2.05** New Music (3236538) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5842793) **4.00** Sportsworld (49828) **4.30** Riviera (25199)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40** Storyline **11.10-12.10** Island Son

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15 Future Perfect (737576) **2.45-3.10** Wish You Were Here..? (7093205) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8355327) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (25798) **10.40pm** Film: The Big Chill (33771330) **12.35am** Married...with Children (1861460) **1.05** Whale On (9653460) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2504731) **2.35** Cue the Music (4780996) **3.30** Sport AM (57606) **4.30** Country Ways (25199) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (89609)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: Panache (5492232) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8355327) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (427) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps (779) **10.40** The Friday Documentary (392392) **11.10** Film: Murder Sees the Light (878779) **1.05** Whale On (9653460) **2.05** The Big E (3236538) **3.05** Film: Quadrophenia (211373) **4.50** Rockport (21653482) **5.05-5.30** Challenge of the Seas (3159557)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (745595) **2.15** Wish You Were Here..? (54562576) **2.40-3.10** Gardener's Diary (6503458) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (8355327) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (25798) **10.40** Westwise (392392) **11.10** My Story (430205) **11.15** Film: Thrillkill (154601) **1.05** Whale On (9653460) **2.05** New Music (3236538) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5842793) **4.00** Sportsworld (49828) **4.30** Riviera (25199) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (89809)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: Panache (5492232) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8355327) **5.55** Calendar (378137) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps (52999) **10.40** Musical Routes (392392) **11.10** Film: Murder Sees the Light (878779) **1.05** Whale On (9653460) **2.05** The Big E (3236538) **3.05-4.50** Film: Quadrophenia (211373)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (45953) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (77663) **9.30** Film: Lorna Doone (95196) **11.00** Film: Man From Utah (44224) **12.00** Profiles of Nature (97427) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (43791) **1.00** Tony Jacklin's Pro-Celebrity Golf Challenge (93296) **2.00** Film: Tobacco Road (429175) **3.35** The Three Stooges (9332663) **3.55** Travelog (8636666) **4.25** Slot 23 (7956886) **5.00** Famous People..Famous Places... (2576) **5.30** Brookside (156) **6.00** News (124750) **6.10** Heno (742156) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5040) **7.30** Y Maes Chwarae (205) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad (1088) **8.30** News (814601) **8.55** Film: Aria (923040) **9.45** Short and Curlies (743175) **10.00** Nurses (98156) **10.30** A Shoe Fetishist's Guide To Bruce Moreton (331392) **11.05** The Word (379175) **12.10** Film: The Quare Fellow (254606) **1.50** American Football (9062422)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (45346798) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (8942934) **9.10** Cartoons (1058682) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (51137) **10.00** Strike It Rich (43021) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (22137) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (91156) **12.00** Falcon Crest (74088) **1.00pm** E Street (95972) **1.30** Another World (4503507) **2.15** Santa Barbara (391798) **2.45** Maude (390069) **3.15** The New Leave It To Beaver (380682) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (6829682) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3601) **6.00** Rescue (4427) **6.30** E Street (5779) **7.00** Alf (4330) **7.30** Family Ties (4663) **8.00** Code 3 (4250) **8.30** Alien Nation (48427) **9.30** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (18576) **10.30** Studs (23886) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (72021) **12.00** Skytext

SKY NEWS
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SKY MOVIES+
6.00 Showcase (4811446)
10.00 Mission of the Shark: A cruiser is sunk in shark-infested waters (68069)
12.00 Just a Regular Kid (1990): A high school student contracts Aids (69156)
1.00pm Tales from the Dark Side: *All Alone by the Telephone* (80040); **1.30** *A New Lease of Life* (49392)
2.00 Up River (1990): Pioneer Jeff Corey avenges his wife's murder (16088)
4.00 Alias Smith and Jones (1970): Comedy Western about two outlaws (13601)
6.00 Mission of the Shark (as 10am) (43161717)
8.00 Body Slam (1987): Wrestling comedy starring Rowdy Roddy Piper (75462446)
10.00 Zandalee (1990): Judge Reinhold fights to win back girlfriend Erika Anderson from Nicolas Cage (447798)
11.45 King of the Kickboxers (1989): Martial arts thriller (382298)
1.20am I Love You to Death (1990): Tracey Ullman plots to murder Kevin Kline (607335)
3.00 The Black Cat (1990): A curse plagues a film production unit (1964557)
4.25 Bump in the Night (1991): A boy is abducted for a pornographic film (358828). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.15pm The Strawberry Blonde (1941, b/w). James Cagney dreams of Rita Hayworth (98399779)
8.00 Follow That Dream (1962): Musical starring Elvis Presley (82069)
10.00-12.00 Bloody Mama (1969). Shelley Winters as bank robber Ma Barker (57885)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.40am The Call of the Wild: Animated version of Jack London's novel (5849576)
7.50 The Canterville Ghost: Cartoon about a haunted mansion (5141040)
9.00 Victim of Innocence (1990): A former GI rescues his Vietnamese daughter (53408)
11.00 It's a Bikini World (1967): Tommy Kirk pursues Deborah Walley (19427)
12.30pm Berlin Tunnel 21 (1981): Americans rescue a German girl (69186971)
2.55 The Call of the Wild (as 6.40am) (4097330) **4.05 The Canterville Ghost** (as 7.50am) (1303885)
5.15 The Birds and the Bees (1956). Romance on an ocean liner (49165934)
6.55 Players (1979): Tennis drama starring Dean Paul Martin (92686595)
9.00 LA Story (1991): Steve Martin in a satire about life in Los Angeles (98682)
11.00 Paris Trout (1990): Dennis Hopper kills a woman and child (391205)
12.45am Wheels of Terror (1990) (145002)
2.15 Mo' Better Blues (1990): Denzel Washington as a jazz trumpeter (70882847)
5.00 Ski Party (1965): Frankie Avalon musical comedy (9478896). Ends at **6.25**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (98595) **7.00** The Club Show (32427) **7.30** Netbusters (11934) **8.00** Red Line (89717) **9.00** Stretch (50359) **9.30** The Boot Room (97717) **10.30** Fishing (49243) **11.00** Netbusters (93663) **11.30** Stretch (94392) **12.00** European League (82446) **1.00pm** Show Jumping (93040) **3.00** Red Line (75868) **4.00** Ringside Theatre (17243) **5.00** The Boot Room (5601) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (71330) **7.00** The Big League (293040) **9.30** PGA Golf (78601) **11.30** Soccer Weekend (75175) **12.30am** Surfing (92915) **1.30-4.00** The Big League (191489)

EUROSPORT
8.00am Step Aerobics (22576) **8.30** Trans World Sport (88755) **9.30** Show Jumping (82665) **10.30** Skiing (34311) **11.00** Men's Downhill Skiing (53885) **12.30pm** Basketball (81446) **2.00** Tennis (714243) **5.00** Skiing (7069) **6.00** Motorsport (73798) **7.00** Kick Boxing (20205) **8.00** Skiing (7446) **8.30** News (6953) **9.00** Boxing (59717) **10.00** Tennis (83972) **11.30-12.00** News (10917)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Volleyball (79330) **8.00** Stuttgart Horse Show (87359) **9.00** Sailing (85330) **10.00** Skiing (48088) **11.00** Paris-Dakar Rally (91205) **11.30** American Bowl (49601) **1.30pm** Motorsport (41040) **2.30** Football (75224) **3.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (4601) **4.00** Football (6428) **4.30** Volleyball (13408) **5.30** NHL Review (24088) **6.30** NBA Action (1137) **7.00** Sports Magazine (4972) **7.30** Golf (55682) **8.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (9427) **9.00** Pro Muay Thai (22663) **10.00** Pro Box (25750) **11.00** Paris-Dakar Rally (16514) **11.30** Ice Racing (73717) **12.30am** Football (90557) **1.30** Ice Hockey (75644) **3.30** NHL Review (83644) **4.30** Pro Muay Thai (14719) **5.30** Men's European Finals (81644)

LIFESTYLE
10.00am The Spiral Zone (10935) **10.30** The Rush Limbaugh Show (32953) **11.00** Gloss (19601) **11.30** The Joan Rivers Show (6017311) **12.15pm** Sally Jessy Raphael (1350885) **1.10** Lunchbox (77515408) **1.40** Sell-a-Vision (42434866) **2.10** Learned Friends (3991999) **3.00** The New Newlywed Game (4359) **3.30** The Mothers-in-Law (6069) **4.00** Dick Van Dyke Show (5576) **4.30** Gameshows (48296) **5.30** Sell-a-Vision (6040) **6.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (64040) **7.00** Sell-a-Vision (448798) **10.00** Music Videos (1688359) **2.30am** Top Five (22644)

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew Lyle with music, news, weather and arts stories. Including Mozart (Overture, Die Zauberflöte: Berlin State Opera Orchestra under Thomas Beecham); Shostakovich (Piano Concerto No 2: Dmitri Shostakovich Jr; Montreal SO under Maxim Shostakovich); Wolf (Intermezzo: Artis Quartet of Vienna); Lully (Dies Irae: Soloists; Choir and Orchestra of the Chapelle Royale under Philippe Herreweghe)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Richard Strauss. The composer Poul Ruders talks about Strauss's practical legacy. Metamorphosen (Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Don Quixote (Dresden State Orchestra under Rudolf Kempe, with Paul Tortelier, cello, Max Rostal, viola)
10.25 Morning Sequence: Rossini (Overture, Semiramide: Saar Radio Symphony Orchestra under Jun'ichi Hirokami); Vivaldi (Gloria in D, RV589: Judith Nelson and Emma Kirkby, sopranos, Carolyn Watkinson, contralto, Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, Academy of Ancient Music under Simon Preston); Chopin (Polonaise brillante in C: Mstislav Rostropovich, cello, Martha Argerich, piano); Corelli (Sonata in C, Op 5 No 9: Michala Petri, recorder, George Malcolm, harpsichord); Schumann (Piano Quintet: Peter Frankl; Lindsay Quartet)
12.00 Fernando Sor: Montserrat Figueras, soprano, José Miguel Moreno, guitar, perform Prepárame la tumba; De amor en las prisiones; Si dices que mis ojos; Las mujeres y cuerdas, Seguidillas, Introduction and variations on the air Marlbroug for solo guitar; Ti ricordi che giurasti; Povero cor t'inganni, Io mentitor; Perduta l'anima, Ariette italiane; Introduction and variations on Mozart's O cara armonia for solo guitar; Cesa de atormentarme; El que quisiera amando; Muchacha ya la verguenza, Seguidillas; Las quejas de Maruja (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Le Nouveau Quatuor: J.S. Bach (Trio Sonata in G, after BMV 525); Telemann (Concerto No 3 in A, 1734); Roseingrave (Harpsichord Suite No 6 in E minor); C.P.E. Bach (Trio Sonata in B minor, Wq 143); Corrette (Trio Sonata in G, Op 14 No 5) (r)
2.00 Gramophone Premieres: Lyndon Jenkins presents excerpts from operatic works. Delius (A Village Romeo and Juliet); Britten (Peter Grimes); Walton (Troilus and Cressida); Vaughan Williams (Hugh the Drover); Michael William Balfe (The Bohemian Girl); Vincent Wallace (Maritana); Julius Benedict (The Lily of Killarney)
4.00 Prokofiev: Piano Concerto No 4, for the left hand (Boris Berman; BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Fedor Glushchenko)
4.30 Gagaku: David Hughes introduces a concert by the Tenri Gagaku, or court orchestra, from Japan
5.00 In Tune: Richard Baker's guest is the bass John Tomlinson
7.45 Royal Liverpool PO under Libor Pesek in a recording of Judith Weir (Music, Untangled), followed by a live performance from Liverpool's Philharmonic Hall of Mahler (Symphony No 6 in A minor)
9.30 Seneca's Letters: Philosophy v Daily Trivialities. Paul Scofield with the last of five readings from Seneca's letters to Lucilius
9.55 Jehan Alain: Suite Monodique (Desiré N'Kaoua, piano)
10.15 Britannia Triumphans: In the final programme, the Parley of Instruments under Peter Holman and Mark Caudle performs Thomas Simpson's Taffel-Consort, a collection of instrumental music which he compiled in 1621
10.45 Blue Sides: The Fourth Dimension. Steve Jones links the science of time with the arts
11.30 Midnight Oil: A One-Man Show. Philip Tagney introduces improvisations by the American pianist Keith Jarrett, recorded at the Festival Hall in July last year
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with Canon Eric James **8.43** The Lost Continent: The final part of Bill Bryson's travels in the United States (s) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the poet Elizabeth Jennings (r) (s)
9.45 Loss of Innocence
● CHOICE: No distinguished radio correspondent — and Misha Glenny is certainly that — can come to the end of a long stint in his chosen region without implicitly revealing something about himself. Inevitably, however, there are details missing from the self-portraits, and it will be fascinating to learn what they are during these six talks about his work as the BBC's former central European correspondent. His indebtedness to, and strained relationship with, his Russian-born father are among the important contextual features of today's inaugural talk
10.00-10.30 News; From Loon Pants to Safety Pins (FM only): A celebration of life in the 1970s (s)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Paradise Regained (LW only): John Milton's sequel to *Paradise Lost* (6/9)
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to the actress and comedienne Helen Atkinson-Wood; discusses facts and fiction about the moon; and looks at the women's protest against pit closures. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Jessica Holm
12.00 You and Yours, with Tasmeen Siddiki
12.25pm The Food Programme analyses supermarket price cuts **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) (s) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Twenty Thousand Streets Under the Sky. First of a three-part dramatisation by Frederick Bradnum of Patrick Hamilton's novel (r) (s)
3.00 Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to the poet Charles Causley (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Beyond the Forge, a touring exhibition by artists working in steel; discusses visual concepts of masculinity as an exhibition of male nudes opens at the Tate in Liverpool; looks at the release of New Age dance videos: and listens to Ron Kavana on guitar (s)
4.45 Short Story: Edna, Back from America, by Clare Boylan. Read by Diana Bishop
5.00 PM 5.50 Weather **5.55** Shipping Forecast
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The London International Boat Show: presented by Cliff Michelmore
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Pick of the Week (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Nick Clarke chairs a discussion in Nottingham. The guests are Diana Warwick, chief executive of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy; MPs Clare Short and Kenneth Baker; and Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*
8.50 Stop Press
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Porteno People (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Doctor's Family, by Margaret Oliphant. Abridged and read by Morag Hood (final part)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news (s)
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton
11.45 Downhill All the Way: Russell Davies examines the British winter sports tradition (r) (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** Mark Goodier's Mega Hits **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (FM only from **12.00**) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Singer and the Song: Joe Brown **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Keith Nichols at the piano **9.00** Listen to the Band: Williams Fairey Engineering Band under Major Peter Parkes **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: International Classical Music Awards from Birmingham's Symphony Hall **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35-4.00** Alan Dedicoat

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service: World News; **6.09** News About Britain; **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** Work It Out **12.30pm** Partnerships: Angela Rippon talks to Pam St Clement of *EastEnders* and Chris Lovett of *The Bill* **1.10** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 **1.25** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** King Street Junior (r) **7.15** The Island of Adventure (5/10) **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Ruby III **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in GMT. **4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** News **6.14** Travel **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** The Birth of Europe **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** Seven Seas **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** World Ranking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Midday** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** The Birth of Europe **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: Titus Groan **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Report **5.14** Travel **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe's People **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** News About Britain **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Worldbrief **11.30** Multitrack 3 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Short Story: Modernising Gundawa **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Vintage Chart Show **4.00** News **4.15** Good Books

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Saint-Saëns (Violin Concerto No 3 in B minor); Roussel (Symphony No 3 in G minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Classic FM Concert. Royal Scottish Orchestra under Järvi. Programme includes Medtner (Piano Concerto No 2: Geoffrey Tozer); Dvořák (Symphony No 9, From the New World) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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Arsenal forward guilty of misconduct

Wright handed a 'standard' three-match ban

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

IAN Wright, the Arsenal and England striker, was yesterday suspended for three first-team matches after being found guilty of misconduct by the Football Association. A three-man disciplinary commission upheld a charge that Wright had directed a punch at David Howells, of Tottenham Hotspur, during last month's north London derby at White Hart Lane.

The commission also fined George Graham, the Arsenal manager, £500 for misconduct after finding him guilty of making improper remarks to Alf Buksh, the referee in charge of the same ill-tempered Premier League match, which Tottenham won 1-0.

It is almost a year to the day that Wright, 29, was fined £1,500 by the FA for making improper gestures, allegedly spitting, towards supporters at Oldham Athletic. This latest punishment raises questions about his future as an England international.

Wright has won five international caps and has yet to score his first goal for his country. He hopes to score it in next month's World Cup qualifier against San Marino at Wembley on February 17 by which time that suspension will be behind him.

More immediately, Arsenal will be deprived of their leading scorer's services for the Premier League matches at Manchester City on January 16 and home to Liverpool on January 31. Wright will also sit out Arsenal's fourth-round FA Cup tie at Highbury against either Leeds United or Charlton Athletic on January 25.

Wright will be free to play against Sheffield United at Highbury on Saturday but, with the striker having scored 15 times this season, the ban threatens Graham's ambitions this season.

Mike Wilmore, the FA's public relations manager, described Wright's sanction as a "standard punishment" for misconduct. Although Buksh failed to spot the punch, it was picked up by television cameras. Wilmore said: "Referees cannot be expected to see everything."

Graham is likely to regard his £500 fine for comments made to Buksh at half-time as a lucky escape. It is the second time in five years that the Arsenal manager has been called before the FA for alleged abuse of officials and he might have expected a touchline ban. His case had not been expected to be dealt with for a few weeks, but the FA agreed to an unexpected request from Graham to decide it yesterday.

After the hearing at Lancaster Gate, which lasted two-and-a-quarter hours, Graham and Wright declined to comment. The pair rushed out to a waiting silver BMW and, after Graham was jostled by photographers, were whisked away. They were later followed by Buksh, the three man FA commission — Jack Hayward (Essex and vice-chairman of the FA's disciplinary committee), Barry Bright (Kent and chief executive of Gillingham) and Roy Barston (Leicestershire and Rutland) — along with Ken Friar, the Arsenal chief executive and Richard Carr, an Arsenal director, who had put the case for the defence.

Friar said: "Both Ian and George have accepted their punishment and do not intend to appeal against the decisions."

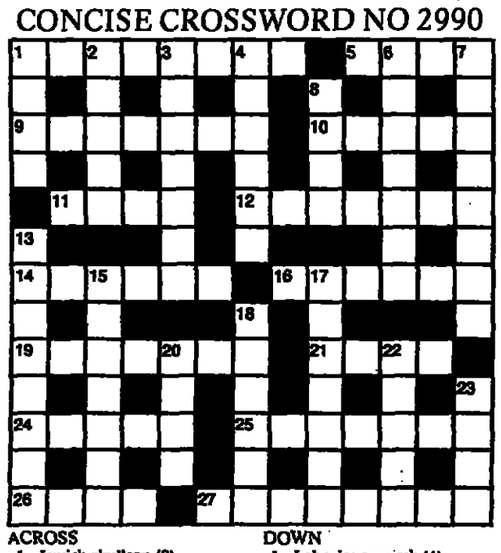
Wright has been booked ten times since being signed for £2.5 million from Crystal Palace 15 months ago. His record should, however, be viewed in the context of an Arsenal team which, despite Graham's reputation as a strict disciplinarian, has been shown 27 yellow cards since August.

While Graham Taylor, the England manager, has complete control over team affairs, the FA retains power to veto the selection of a player it feels does not deserve international honours. That will almost certainly not happen in Wright's case and it will be down to Taylor to decide if the striker is the right attacking partner for Alan Shearer.

His susceptibility to provocation could count against Wright but, in mitigation, Taylor will be aware that he has been sent off only once in his professional career — when playing for Palace against Bournemouth in April 1988.

Wright's wrongs, page 34

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1 Jewish skullcap (8)
5 Just (4)
9 Rich (7)
10 Bay window (5)
11 Clothes (4)
12 Dusk (7)
14 Customs men (6)
16 Very positive (6)
19 Henry VIII hunting palace (7)
21 Unsullied (4)
24 Border (5)
25 Tail buzzing viper (7)
26 Queen's counsel (4)
27 Carry weapons (4,4)

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3 Latin Odysseus (7)
4 Renal organ (6)
6 Absurd (7)
7 Demote (8)
8 Skin aperture (4)
13 Highest British peak (3,5)
15 Regulate (7)
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18 Accusation (6)
20 Employs (4)
22 Straight edge (5)
23 Greek war god (4)

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Short — Speelman, London 1991. This position is from a crucial stage during an earlier match in the current Candidates series. White has been winning for some time, and now has a chance to capture the Black queen: should he take the bait? On January 10, Nigel Short's Candidate's Final match against Jan Timman starts in El Escorial, near Madrid.



Watch out for daily reports in *The Times*.

Solution on page 32.

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

SORBITE
a. A morning snack
b. Crystals in pig iron
c. Member of the Theban Band

VADOSE
a. Blethering
b. Voluntary medical assistant
c. Underground water

HUMMUS
a. A hornets' nest
b. Chick-pea paste
c. The fieldmouse

MASSIC
a. A cuvée of wine
b. The Gaulish mace battle-axe
c. A monk's robe

Answers on page 32

Benetton to enter Indy Car

BY STEPHEN SLATER

TOM Walkinshaw, race director of the Benetton Formula One team, announced yesterday that he would enter two cars in Indy Car racing later this year, with the aim of seriously tackling the American championship in 1994.

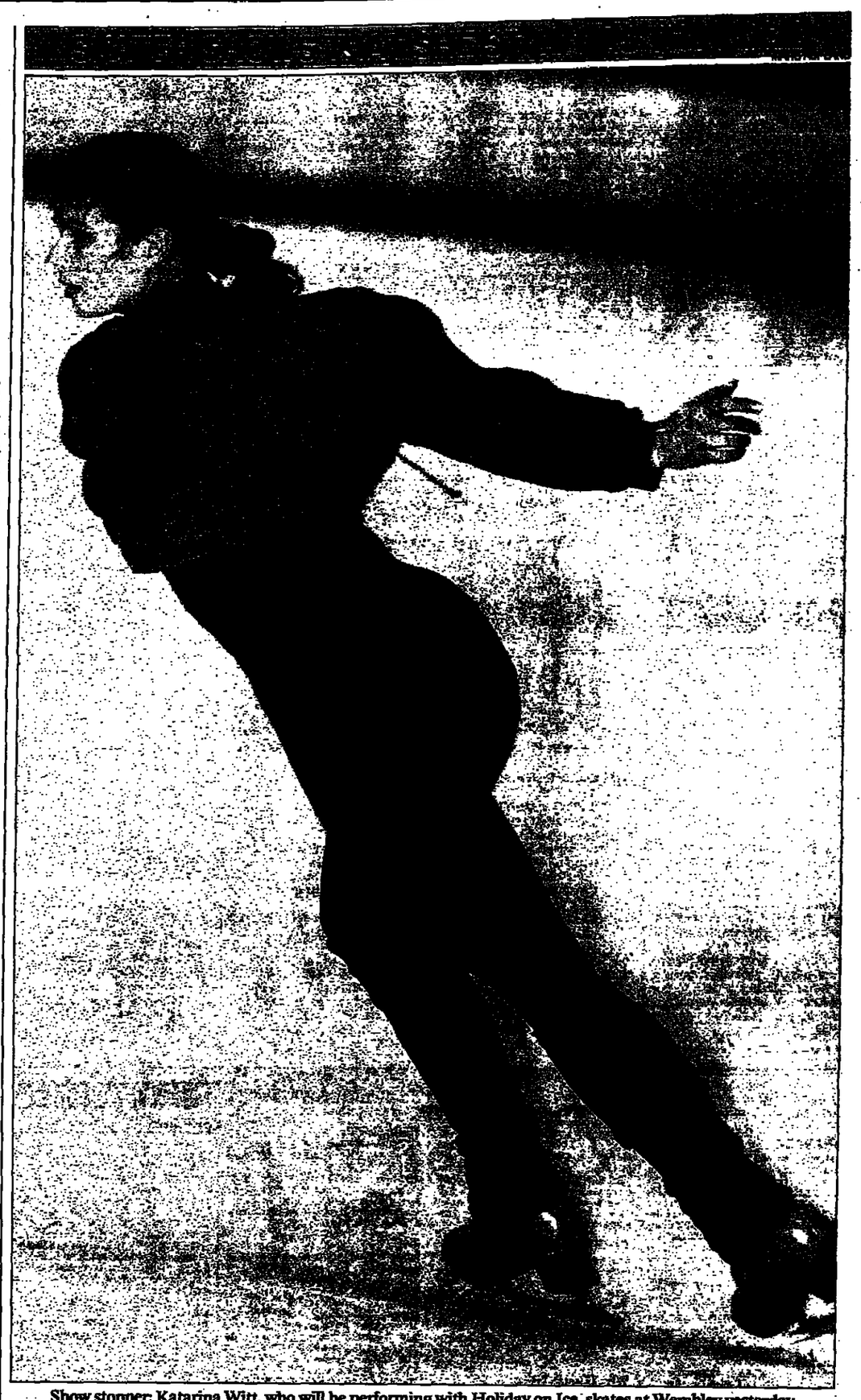
Speaking at the opening day of the Autosport International Show at the NEC in Birmingham, Walkinshaw first unveiled a competition model of the Jaguar XJ220 sports car designed to race at Le Mans, then confirmed he had acquired two Lola-Ford cars similar to those being used by Nigel Mansell in the Indy Car series. At Phoenix yesterday, rain prevented Mansell from testing the Newman-Haas Indy car.

The 1,000-horsepower, alcohol-fuelled Indy cars will be used to contest five races this year, commencing with the Indianapolis 500 in May, as an overture to competing in the full championship next season. Although Walkinshaw refused to comment on his choice of drivers, one option could be Martin Brundle, who drove for Benetton in 1992, but is now without a seat in Formula One.

Despite his decision and Mansell's presence, Walkinshaw denied that Indy Car racing is challenging Formula One. "Formula one is a world championship, where Indy Car is a purely American series," he said.

Other announcements at the show demonstrated that motor sport is bucking the recession. The star of the show, the Jaguar XJ220-C, is a lighter and more powerful development of the world's fastest road car, aimed at the proposed GT category for modified road cars, which will include the Le Mans 24-hour race.

British rallying received a boost when Michelin announced the sponsorship of two factory-backed Ford Escort Cosworths for Malcolm Wilson and Robbie Head in the British open rally.



Show stopper: Katarina Witt, who will be performing with Holiday on Ice, skates at Wembley yesterday

Ice princess who leaves you dead with her shotgun smile

Simon Barnes meets Katarina Witt and discovers that as well as cutting a fine figure, the former Olympic champion has the competitive fire to conquer again

OVER 'ere, darlin'. Look at me, Katarina. Smile, Katarina. Laughin' eyes, darlin'. Take your top off please, darlin'.

Katarina Witt, laughing-eyed, does no such thing. All right, then, under an umbrella in the Bayswater rain. Smile, darlin'. And Katarina, vivid mouth, face strongly defined by black eyebrows, smiles her shotgun smile and slays the lot.

She was talking about how she loves a challenge: "I need a mountain in front of my nose." Well, so do I. But am I up to the challenge of writing about Katarina Witt without mentioning beauty or sexual attraction?

No, I am not. That is far too precipitous a mountain. Well, could I write about Linford Christie without mentioning the fact that he runs awfully quickly? You can quite easily write about Christie without pointing out that he is tall and black and looks cool: you can write about Katrin Krabbe without mentioning that she is six foot tall and frightfully pretty.

Both these people produce performances that can be measured. Their looks affect their earning power; not their results. But Witt, Olympic figure skating champion in 1984 and 1988 and four times world champion, competes in a sport where you get marks for artistic impression. And you can't take sex out of any art, let alone dancing. To take two wild and random examples, both the Mona Lisa and *Finnegans Wake* are, in their way, about sex. Sexual attraction is part of Katarina Witt's sporting weaponry: flashing eyes are as much a part of performance as a double salchow.

But let us get the obvious questions over with. Yes, Witt is even more charming in real life than on the screen. And what is more, without stage make-up, she is even prettier. If you ask her a question at a press conference, she smiles staight into your eyes before answering. This, I found, has the approximate effect of a double measure of Jack Daniels taken in one swallow, ice-cubes and all.

Well, is it art or is it sport? Is there artistry in what Pele did on the football field; is there sport in what Katarina does? Bah! Angels on a needle-point. I could watch either for hours, and that is quite enough to be going along with.

Witt was in London yesterday for about ten minutes to promote her role in a Holiday on Ice show, to be called *Banjos and Balalaikas*. There will be skating teddy bears, clowns, showgirls on skates — the usual sort of thing. Plus Katarina. "We're paying her more than we have ever paid any other skater," the show's organiser said. Money!

And that brings us, inevitably, to the Olympic Games. Witt, 27, hopes to take part in the next Winter Games, which take place next year. If we are going to have Magic Johnson and Steffi Graf, we might just as well have Katarina.

She has applied through the German skating federation for reinstatement under the bewildering and shifting Olympic regulations, and it should go through all right. She turned professional after the 1988 Winter Games in Calgary.

"I need the adrenalin of competition again," she said. "I want to take the joys of skating and my philosophy of skating back into the Olympic Games." Philosphy?, I asked. Double Jack Daniels.

"To tell a story on the ice. To tell it with the soul and the heart. For people to see it, to see that it is not a job, a job where you do more and more triple salchows — but to use art to bring a message across."

Most top-class athletes in every sport are players. The fact that they play in front of vast numbers of people is incidental. Witt is a player too, a competitor relishing the latest challenge. But more than that, she is a performer too. That means that what she does is defined by the existence of an audience.

One person in the auditorium transforms a play into a performance. A press conference, too, is a kind of performance. To a person who is a performer by nature, an audience is the water of life. And the Olympics has the biggest audience of any show in the history of the world. To Katarina Witt, performance is all that matters in the world: everything else is a load of balalaikas.

☐ *Banjos and Balalaikas* will be at Wembley Arena from February 2 to 28.

Gooch awaits century ruling

BY IVO TENNANT

THE International Cricket Council (ICC) is to make a statement today on whether Graham Gooch's century for an unofficial England XI against South Africa in 1982 should still be considered first-class. Sir Colin Cowdrey and Lt-Col John Stephenson, respectively chairman and secretary of the council, debated the issue with the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) at Lord's yesterday.

Given that England begin their match against the Board President's XI at Lucknow today, it is imperative that a ruling be made as quickly as possible as to whether the captain has scored 98 or 99 first-class centuries. It is for his sake as much as for the game's many statisticians.

The next meeting of the ICC is not scheduled until February 2, by which time Gooch is likely to have added to the centuries he has made in his 20-year career.

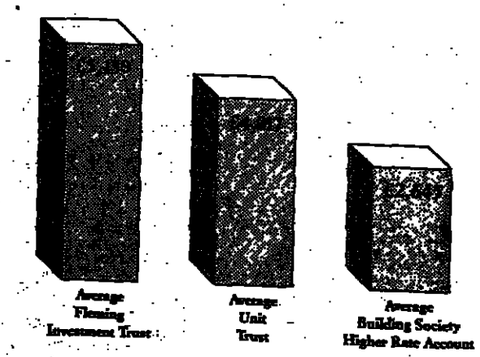
"I would rather stick by what I said earlier this week when asked out of the blue for a ruling on Gooch's centuries," Stephenson said. He indicated that Gooch's innings in 1982 would probably not be considered first-class.

Clearly, the need for swift clarification will not give Cowdrey time to discuss the issue with the member countries of the ICC, so any ruling made today will not necessarily be the final word on the subject.

He will also be as aware as anyone, though, that the moment at which a cricketer reaches a century of centuries — in his case, 1973, the year in which Gooch made his first-class debut — should not be spoiled by wrangling. The stroke is cherished, photographed and never forgotten.

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